

## **International Efforts to Counter ISIL, Support the People of Iraq and Syria, and Mitigate the Humanitarian Consequences of the Conflict in Iraq and Syria**

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This list represents public contributions of individual countries to the many dimensions of the effort against ISIL and in support of the Iraqi and Syrian people who are facing ISIL's brutality. Some countries have not made public their contributions to this effort, so this list does not reflect every single element of the international response. As additional countries consider what roles they can play in this international effort, or as countries on this list take on additional commitments, this list will grow and continue to be updated.

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## Albania

**8/28/14: AFP: “Albania Has Started Sending Weapons And Ammunition To Kurdish Forces Fighting Islamic State Militants In Iraq, A Defence Ministry Source Said On Thursday... Albania Earlier This Month Said It Would Send Large Quantities Of Weapons To Help Kurdish Fighters Beat Back Advancing Jihadists, Including Up To 22 Million AK47 Rifle Rounds And 32,000 Artillery Shells.”** “Albania has started sending weapons and ammunition to Kurdish forces fighting Islamic State militants in Iraq, a defence ministry source said on Thursday. The first shipment was sent on Sunday, said a ministry source who requested anonymity. Despite being one of the poorest nations in Europe, Muslim-majority Albania earlier this month said it would send large quantities of weapons to help Kurdish fighters beat back advancing jihadists, including up to 22 million AK47 rifle rounds and 32,000 artillery shells. Militants led by the Islamic State (IS) launched a major offensive in June that overran

large areas of Iraq, and began a renewed push earlier this month that saw Kurdish forces pushed back towards their regional capital of Arbil. US Defence Secretary Chuck Hagel said on Tuesday that in addition to the United States and Albania, Canada, Croatia, Denmark, Italy, France and the United Kingdom have pledged to send military support to Kurdish forces. ‘Operations have already begun and will accelerate in the coming days with more nations also expected to contribute,’ Hagel said.” [AFP, [8/28/14](#)]

**8/27/14: BIRN Albania: “Under A Decision Taken On August 15 And Published In The Official Gazette On Tuesday, Albania Intends To Transfer 22 Million Rounds Of AK-47 7.62 Millimeter Bullets, 15,000 Hand Grenades And 32,000 Artillery Shells Of Different Calibers To Kurdish Forces In Iraq. Tirana Also Announced That It Is Donating 10,000 Model-56 Kalashnikov Automatic Rifles To Afghanistan.”** “A source in Albania's Ministry of Defence, who spoke on condition of anonymity, told BIRN that weapons transfer [to Iraqi Kurds] had begun following a government decision earlier this month. At least one C-17 US Air Force transport plane, commonly used for the transfer of weapons and ammunition, was seen leaving Tirana’s Mother Teresa Airport on Sunday. Under a decision taken on August 15 and published in the official gazette on Tuesday, Albania intends to transfer 22 million rounds of AK-47 7.62 millimeter bullets, 15,000 hand grenades and 32,000 artillery shells of different calibers to Kurdish forces in Iraq. Tirana also announced that it is donating 10,000 model-56 Kalashnikov automatic rifles to Afghanistan.” [Balkan Investigative Reporting Network (BIRN), [8/27/14](#)]

**8/26/14: Secretary Of Defense Chuck Hagel Announced That Albania Was Participating Alongside Other Countries To “Accelerate Resupply Efforts To The Embattled Kurdish Forces In Northern Iraq.”** “The United States appreciates the willingness of more and more of our allies and partners to support the Iraqi people in their fight against ISIL. ‘Two weeks ago, I commissioned a U.S.-led working group to accelerate resupply efforts to the embattled Kurdish forces in northern Iraq. In addition to support from the U.S., and the central government of Iraq in Baghdad, seven additional nations - Albania, Canada, Croatia, Denmark, Italy, France, and the United Kingdom - have committed to helping provide Kurdish forces urgently needed arms and equipment. Operations have already begun and will accelerate in the coming days with more nations also expected to contribute. I'd like to thank each of these allies for working alongside the United States military.” [U.S. Department of Defense – Release, [8/26/14](#)]

## **Andorra**

**9/19/14: The U.S. State Department Included Andorra On A List Of Contributors To Global Anti-ISIL Efforts.** “A Global Effort to Support Iraq and to Defeat ISIL: The breadth and diversity of countries and organizations making contributions across one or more of the lines of effort demonstrate the global and unified nature of this fight. Below are some of the partners that have made contributions and commitments to date. This is an ongoing effort, and we expect the number of countries to grow... Andorra...” [U.S. State Department – Media Note, [9/19/14](#)]

## **Arab League**

**9/7/14: AFP: “‘What Is Needed Is A Clear Decision For A Comprehensive Confrontation, Militarily And Politically,’ [Arab League Secretary General Nabil Al- Arabi] Said At A Meeting Of Arab Foreign Ministers, A Day After He And US Secretary Of State John Kerry Discussed Taking Action Against The Jihadist Group That Controls Swathes Of Iraq And Syria... ‘What Is Happening In Iraq Is That The Terrorist Organization Not Only Threatens A State’s Authority, But Threatens Its Very Existence And The Existence Of Other States,’ He Said.”** “Arab League chief Nabil Al-Arabi on Sunday called for a military and political confrontation with Islamic State jihadists and other militants he said threatened the existence of Arab states. ‘What is needed is a clear decision for a comprehensive confrontation, militarily and politically,’ Arabi said at a meeting of Arab foreign ministers, a day after he and US Secretary of State John Kerry discussed taking action against the jihadist group that controls swathes of Iraq and Syria... Arabi said IS posed a threat to the existence of Iraq and other states in the region. ‘What is happening in Iraq is that the terrorist organization not only threatens a state’s authority, but threatens its very existence and the existence of other states,’ he said.” [AFP, [9/7/14](#)]

**9/7/14: Associated Press: “The Head Of The Arab League Urged Its Members Sunday To Confront Islamic State Extremists ‘Militarily And Politically,’ Issuing An Apparent Call To Arms As President Barack Obama Prepares To Go To Lawmakers And The American Public With His Own Plan To Stop The Militants...Arab League Chief Nabil Elaraby Said That What Is Needed From Arab Countries Is A ‘Clear And Firm Decision For A Comprehensive Confrontation’ With ‘Cancerous And Terrorist’ Groups.”** “The head of the Arab League urged its members Sunday to confront Islamic State extremists ‘militarily and politically,’ issuing an apparent call to arms as President Barack Obama prepares to go to lawmakers and the American public with his own plan to stop the militants... Arab League chief Nabil Elaraby said that what is needed from Arab countries is a ‘clear and firm decision for a comprehensive confrontation’ with ‘cancerous and terrorist’ groups. The Arab League includes Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Lebanon, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates... He called the Islamic State a threat to the existence of Iraq and its neighbors. It is ‘one of the examples of the challenges that are violently shaking the Arab world, and one the Arab League, regrettably, has not been able to confront,’ he said.” [Associated Press, [9/7/14](#)]

**9/7/14: Reuters: “The Arab League Also Endorsed In The Closing Statement Of Its Meeting In Cairo A UN Security Council Resolution Passed Last Month Calling On Member States To ‘Act To Suppress The Flow Of Foreign Fighters, Financing And Other Support To Islamist Extremist Groups In Iraq And Syria.’”** “Arab League foreign ministers agreed on Sunday to take all necessary measures to confront Islamic State and cooperate with international, regional and national efforts to combat militants who have overrun swathes of Iraq and Syria. The Arab League also endorsed in the closing statement of its meeting in Cairo a UN Security Council resolution passed last month calling on member states to ‘act to suppress the flow of foreign fighters, financing and other support to Islamist extremist groups in Iraq and Syria.’ Baghdad had earlier submitted a draft resolution endorsing its own efforts to confront militants who have seized large areas for a cross-border caliphate and to condemn Islamic State's actions as war crimes and crimes against humanity.” [Reuters, [9/7/14](#)]

**9/22/14: Reuters: “Australia's Defence Minister David Johnston Said On Monday During A Visit To Baghdad That His Country's Fighter Jets Will Play A Part In U.S.-Led Air Strikes On Islamic State Positions In Iraq. Johnston Told Reporters That Up To Eight Super Hornet Aircraft Will Participate In A U.S.-Led Coalition ‘Delivering Air Strikes To Degrade, Disrupt And Ultimately Seek To Destroy ISIL (Islamic State)’. Australian Special Forces Will Be Serving As Advisers To Iraqi Forces, Johnston Said After A Meeting With Iraq's Prime Minister Haider Al-Abadi.”** “Australia's defence minister David Johnston said on Monday during a visit to Baghdad that his country's fighter jets will play a part in U.S.-led air strikes on Islamic State positions in Iraq. Johnston told reporters that up to eight Super Hornet aircraft will participate in a U.S.-led coalition ‘delivering air strikes to degrade, disrupt and ultimately seek to destroy ISIL (Islamic State)’. Australian Special Forces will be serving as advisers to Iraqi forces, Johnston said after a meeting with Iraq's Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi. Johnston did not elaborate on whether Australia's fighter jets would carry out air strikes. Their mission will include ‘the use of airpower’, he said, without commenting further. Asked about the Australian military advisers, Johnston said his country's special forces would ‘assist in the logistical support of the Iraqi forces’. He gave no further information.” [Reuters, [9/22/14](#)]

**9/19/14: Australian Foreign Minister Julie Bishop: “In Cooperation With Iraq, We Are Deploying A Military Force To The Region For Possible Involvement In A United States-Led Effort To Support Iraq Against ISIL. We Are Willing To Provide Strike, Early Warning, And Air-To-Air Refueling Aircraft And A Special Forces Task Group To Advise And Assist The Iraqi Security Forces. This Is A Prudent And Proportionate Response To The Threat Posed By This Murderous Terrorist Organization.”** “BISHOP: I thank you, Mr. President, for initiating this meeting today, for we must send a clear signal of the international community's strong support for Iraq. Australia endorses the terms of the presidential statement. It is an affirmation of Iraqi and international efforts to combat the terrorist threats posed by ISIL, and to provide humanitarian relief to prevent further suffering. . . ISIL is a threat to the fundamental values of the international community and an affront to our shared sense of humanity. Australia has announced our preparedness to do more to help Iraq and its partners in this fights. In cooperation with Iraq, we are deploying a military force to the region for possible involvement in a United States-led effort to support Iraq against ISIL. We are willing to provide strike, early warning, and air-to-air refueling aircraft and a special forces task group to advise and assist the Iraqi security forces. This is a prudent and proportionate response to the threat posed by this murderous terrorist organization.” [United Nations Security Council Holds A Meeting On Iraq, [9/19/14](#)]

**9/19/14: Australian Foreign Minister Julie Bishop: “Australia Has Provided \$5 Million In Emergency Humanitarian Funding To Iraq, And We've Undertaken Air Drops Of Emergency Supplies To Besieged Communities On Mount Sinjar And In Amerli. We've Also Provided Around \$130 Million In Humanitarian Aid For Those In Dire Need In Syria And Assisted Lebanon And Jordan To Face The Outpouring Of Refugees Across Their Borders.”** “Australia has provided \$5 million in emergency humanitarian funding to Iraq, and we've undertaken air drops of emergency supplies to besieged communities on Mount Sinjar and in Amerli. We've also provided around \$130 million in humanitarian aid for those in dire need in Syria and assisted Lebanon and Jordan to face the outpouring of refugees across their borders.

The humanitarian crisis must end. The international community cannot stand by and do nothing in the face of ISIL's threat to humanity. This is why Australia is joining international partners to assist the Iraqi government in its fight against ISIL.” [United Nations Security Council Holds A Meeting On Iraq, [9/19/14](#)]

**9/14/14: Australian Prime Minister Tony Abbott – Statement: “The Australian Defence Force Will Prepare And Deploy To The United Arab Emirates Up To Eight Royal Australian Air Force F/A18 Combat Aircraft; An E-7A Wedgetail Airborne Early Warning And Control Aircraft; And A KC-30A Multi-Role Tanker And Transport Aircraft. In Addition, The Australian Defence Force Will Prepare A Special Operations Task Group As Military Advisers That Could Assist Iraqi And Other Security Forces That Are Taking The Fight To The ISIL Terrorists.”** “The Government is preparing to contribute to an international coalition to counter the ISIL terrorist threat. The Australian Defence Force will prepare and deploy to the United Arab Emirates up to eight Royal Australian Air Force F/A18 combat aircraft; an E-7A Wedgetail Airborne Early Warning and Control aircraft; and a KC-30A Multi-Role Tanker and Transport aircraft. In addition, the Australian Defence Force will prepare a Special Operations Task Group as military advisers that could assist Iraqi and other security forces that are taking the fight to the ISIL terrorists. Australia will place Australian Defence Force personnel in the United States Headquarters to ensure close coordination with our alliance partner and to support planning and logistics. We are not deploying combat troops but contributing to international efforts to prevent the humanitarian crisis from deepening. The Government’s decision responds to a formal request from the Government of the United States to contribute specific Australian Defence Force capabilities to the international coalition.” [Prime Minister Tony Abbott – Release, [9/14/14](#)]

**9/14/14: Australian Prime Minister Tony Abbott: “The Evil And Exaltation In Evil That Was Yet Again On Display Today, Should Make All Of Us More Resolved Than Ever To Do Whatever We Reasonably Can To Disrupt, Degrade And If Possible Destroy This Movement.”** “Mr Abbott's reaction to the beheading - the third in recent weeks - was one of 'shock, horror, outrage and fury' and he now had a steely determination to tackle the perpetrators. 'The evil and exaltation in evil that was yet again on display today, should make all of us more resolved than ever to do whatever we reasonably can to disrupt, degrade and if possible destroy this movement,' he said. He would not call the movement Islamic State because it was neither Islamic nor a state. 'It is a death cult,' Mr Abbott said.” [Sky News Australia, [9/14/14](#)]

**9/11/14: Australian Prime Minister Tony Abbott – Statement: “Combating The Threat Posed By Foreign Fighters – Including Some 60 Australians – Who Have Joined ISIL And Other Terrorist Groups To Fight In Iraq And Syria Is One Of The Government’s Highest National Security Priorities...I Fully Support President Obama’s Call For Action And Australia Will Work With Our International Partners To Combat This Evil Menace.”** “I will visit New York on 24 and 25 September to participate in a high-level meeting of the United Nations Security Council convened by US President Obama to address the threat posed by foreign terrorist fighters. Combating the threat posed by foreign fighters – including some 60 Australians – who have joined ISIL and other terrorist groups to fight in Iraq and Syria is one of the government’s highest national security priorities. I will discuss with President Obama and other leaders the urgent need for strong international cooperation to combat ISIL and similar

extremist groups. It is important for Australia and for the world that ISIL is defeated. ISIL represents not only a humanitarian threat to the people of Iraq and Syria but a very real threat to the safety of the Australian community. I fully support President Obama's call for action and Australia will work with our international partners to combat this evil menace. While in New York I will also deliver Australia's national statement at the United Nations General Assembly and meet with key leaders ahead of the G20 meeting in Brisbane in November 2014." [Prime Minister Tony Abbott – Statement, [9/11/14](#)]

**9/11/14: Australian Foreign Minister Julie Bishop: “President Obama Has Indicated He Is Building A Broad Coalition Of Support, Not Only From Nations In The Region, And Of Course With The Iraqi Government, But Also Beyond. And Because Australia Has Such A Significant Number Of Foreign Fighters, Australian Citizens Who Are Fighting In Syria And Iraq, Then It's In Our Interests To Do What We Can To Prevent The Spread Of ISIL.”** ‘LEIGH SALES, PRESENTER: Australia is certain to join the US-led campaign against Islamic State. The only question is in what capacity? Earlier, Australia's Foreign Minister Julie Bishop joined me from Pretoria in South Africa.

Foreign Minister, when will our government explain to the Australian people exactly what commitment Australia will be making to the US-led Coalition?

JULIE BISHOP, FOREIGN MINISTER: Leigh, that will be after the United States has made a request and there has been no formal request made. Should a request be made, we will then consider it at our National Security Committee. It will be considered by cabinet. We will consult with the Opposition and then we would make it public. President Obama has indicated he is building a broad coalition of support, not only from nations in the region, and of course with the Iraqi Government, but also beyond. And because Australia has such a significant number of foreign fighters, Australian citizens who are fighting in Syria and Iraq, then it's in our interests to do what we can to prevent the spread of ISIL.” [Australia Broadcasting Corporation, [9/11/14](#)]

**9/8/14: Australian Foreign Minister Julie Bishop: “The Countries That Have Expressed A Willingness To Tackle ISIL Head On Have Also Looked At What More Can Be Done In Terms Of Air Strikes And Australia Will Respond When A Formal Request Is Made.”**

“Australia has announced it is prepared to participate in future air strikes against Islamic State jihadists in Iraq as part of a coalition of like-minded countries... ‘The countries that have expressed a willingness to tackle ISIL head on have also looked at what more can be done in terms of air strikes and Australia will respond when a formal request is made,’ Ms Bishop told reporters at Celtic Manor golf resort in Newport. ‘The red line is combat troops on the ground. There is no interest from any country present to commit combat troops. ‘But there is much that can be done to combat ISIL in other ways and Australia is prepared to play its part in combating ISIL because it is a direct domestic security threat to Australia.’ The Australian foreign minister said the leaders discussed the need to work closely with an inclusive Iraq government, provide humanitarian relief ‘as well as supporting a US-led coalition that will seek to tackle ISIL head on.’” [AAP, [9/8/14](#)]

**9/8/14: Australian Government – Department Of Defence: “The Australian Defence Force Has Completed Its Third Air Shipment Of Military Stores To Erbil In Northern Iraq. As With Previous Missions, The RAAF C-17A Globemaster Aircraft Flew From Tirana,**

**Albania Via Baghdad Where Iraqi Officials Inspected And Cleared The Cargo Of Approximately 50 Tonnes Of Small Arms Ammunition Prior To Delivery To Erbil.**” “The Australian Defence Force has completed its third air shipment of military stores to Erbil in Northern Iraq. As with previous missions, the RAAF C-17A Globemaster aircraft flew from Tirana, Albania via Baghdad where Iraqi officials inspected and cleared the cargo of approximately 50 tonnes of small arms ammunition prior to delivery to Erbil. The mission was carried out without incident and the C-17A is now returning to Al Minhad Air Base (AMAB) in the UAE. Royal Australian Air Force C-130J Hercules and C-17A Globemaster aircraft remain available to assist with more tasks.” [Australian Government – Department of Defence, [9/8/14](#)]

**9/5/14: Australian Government – Department Of Defence: “Australia Has Delivered A Second Air Shipment Of Military Stores To Erbil In Northern Iraq.”** “Australia has delivered a second air shipment of military stores to Erbil in Northern Iraq. The RAAF C-17A Globemaster aircraft flew from Tirana, Albania via Baghdad where Iraqi officials inspected and cleared the cargo prior to delivery. The mission was carried out without incident and the C-17A is now returning to Al Minhad Air Base (AMAB) in the UAE. Chief of Joint Operations, Vice Admiral David Johnston said the latest shipment is evidence of Australia’s continuing commitment to the people of Iraq. ‘These supply runs are vital and most appreciated by those at the forefront of the campaign against Islamic extremists,’ Vice Admiral Johnston said. Royal Australian Air Force C-130J Hercules and C-17A Globemaster aircraft remain available to assist with more tasks.” [Australian Government – Department of Defence, [9/5/14](#)]

**9/3/14: Australian Government – Department Of Defence: “An Australian C-17A Globemaster Aircraft Has Landed At Al Minhad Air Base In The United Arab Emirates (UAE) After Delivering Military Stores To Erbil, Northern Iraq.”** “An Australian C-17A Globemaster aircraft has landed at Al Minhad Air Base in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) after delivering military stores to Erbil, Northern Iraq. The aircrew flew from Al Minhad Air Base over the weekend via Tirana, Albania where the aircraft was loaded. The aircraft’s crew has confirmed that no shots were fired at the aircraft and that their mission was carried out without incident. Chief of Joint Operations, Vice Admiral David Johnston said further aid, stores and support flights may be planned to assist the people of northern Iraq, who remain under threat from extremist Islamic fighters. ‘The aircrew and support staff at Joint Task Force 633 have done a great job to successfully coordinate this mission to assist the people of northern Iraq,’ Vice Admiral Johnston said. ‘The cargo, in this case ammunition, was first inspected and cleared by Iraqi officials onboard the aircraft in Baghdad before the aircraft landed in Erbil. ‘Our contribution in Iraq will continue to be coordinated with the Iraqi government, regional countries and our international partners.’” [Australian Government – Department of Defence, [9/3/14](#)]

**9/1/14: Prime Minister Tony Abbott – Statement To Parliament: “I Refuse To Call This Hideous Movement ‘Islamic State’ Because It’s Not A State; It Is A Death Cult. In Good Conscience, Madam Speaker, Australia Cannot Leave The Iraqi People To Face This Horror, This Pure Evil, Alone Or Ask Others To Do So In The Name Of Human Decency What We Won’t Do Ourselves. It Is Right To Do What We Prudently And Proportionately Can To Alleviate This Suffering, To Prevent Its Spread And To Deal With Its Perpetrators.”** “I refuse to call this hideous movement ‘Islamic State’ because it’s not a state; it is a death cult. In good conscience, Madam Speaker, Australia cannot leave the Iraqi people to

face this horror, this pure evil, alone or ask others to do so in the name of human decency what we won't do ourselves. It is right to do what we prudently and proportionately can to alleviate this suffering, to prevent its spread and to deal with its perpetrators. So far, Australian aircraft have participated in humanitarian airdrops to people trapped on Mount Sinjar and, just yesterday, to the besieged inhabitants of the town of Amerli. Yesterday's airdrop was mounted in conjunction with American, British and French aircraft. In coming days, Australian aircraft will join an airlift of supplies, including military equipment, to the Kurdish regional government in Erbil." [Prime Minister Tony Abbott Statement, [9/1/14](#)]

**9/1/14: Sydney Morning Herald: "[Prime Minister Tony Abbott Said] 'Whatever Might Be Done In The Future Will Be In Partnership With Our Allies And With The Support Of The Iraqi Government So There Is A World Of Difference Between What Is Happening Now And What Happened 10 Years Or So Back.' Abbott Said The Weapons Airlifts Would Begin In 'Coming Days.'"** "[Prime Minister Tony Abbott] also raised the prospect of more military support if a request came from the US, but expressly ruled out troops on the ground taking part in combat. 'I certainly don't rule out further military involved but I do rule out combat troops on the ground,' Mr Abbott told the Seven Network. 'Whatever might be done in the future will be in partnership with our allies and with the support of the Iraqi government so there is a world of difference between what is happening now and what happened 10 years or so back.' Mr Abbott said the weapons airlifts would begin in 'coming days'. He said the situation in Iraq was a humanitarian catastrophe and security nightmare, which posed a direct threat to Australia. 'While it seems a long, long way away, it is reaching out to us,' he said." [Sydney Morning Herald, [9/1/14](#)]

**8/31/14: Prime Minister Tony Abbott: "Australia Has Agreed To Join An Airlift Of Military Equipment To The Kurds. We've Agreed To Join This Airlift At The Request Of The Obama Administration In The United States And With The Permission Of The Iraqi Government...I Also Can Announce That Australia Has Participated In A Humanitarian Airdrop To The Besieged Town Of Amreli In Northern Iraq – Again We've Done So At The Request Of The Obama Administration And With The Permission Of The Iraqi Government."** "PRIME MINISTER ABBOTT: Australia has agreed to join an airlift of military equipment to the Kurds. We've agreed to join this airlift at the request of the Obama Administration in the United States and with the permission of the Iraqi Government. Other countries involved in the airlift of military equipment to the Kurds include the United States, the United Kingdom, Canada, France and Italy. I also can announce that Australia has participated in a humanitarian airdrop to the besieged town of Amreli in northern Iraq – again we've done so at the request of the Obama Administration and with the permission of the Iraqi Government. I can announce that in coming days an Australian C-17 aircraft will be involved in airlifting equipment and supplies to Erbil in the Kurdish part of the Iraq. I can also say that we stand ready to participate in further humanitarian airdrops in Iraq should these be required." [Prime Minister Tony Abbott Press Conference, [8/31/14](#)]

**8/17/14: AFP: "Australia Will Offer To Resettle Some 4,400 People Fleeing Violence In Iraq And Syria, Immigration Minister Scott Morrison Said Sunday, Adding The Places Had Been Freed Up By Success In Stopping Asylum-Seeker Boats."** "Australia will offer to resettle some 4,400 people fleeing violence in Iraq and Syria, Immigration Minister Scott

Morrison said Sunday, adding the places had been freed up by success in stopping asylum-seeker boats. Boat arrivals have all but dried up since Australia said it would refuse resettlement to any refugees arriving on unauthorised vessels, sending them instead to Papua New Guinea and Nauru in the Pacific... The minister said a minimum of 2,200 places would be for Iraqis, including ethnic and religious minorities fleeing the violence in the north of the country. ‘The government has also committed a minimum of 2,200 places for Syrians, including those now living in desperate conditions in countries such as Lebanon,’ he added.” [AFP, [8/17/14](#)]

**8/14/14: Prime Minister Tony Abbott – Release: “On Wednesday Night I Was Privileged To Visit Al Minhad Airbase In The United Arab Emirates Where The Dedicated And Highly Professional Men And Women Of The Australian Defence Force Were Preparing For The First Australian Humanitarian Aid Drop To Northern Iraq. The Mission Was Conducted By A RAAF C-130J Hercules Delivering Ten Pallets Of Badly Needed Supplies To Yezidi Civilians Trapped On Mount Sinjar By Encircling ISIL Forces. The Cargo Included 150 Boxes Of High Energy Biscuits And 340 Boxes Of Bottled Water – Enough To Sustain 3,700 People For 24 Hours.”** “On Wednesday night I was privileged to visit Al Minhad Airbase in the United Arab Emirates where the dedicated and highly professional men and women of the Australian Defence Force were preparing for the first Australian humanitarian aid drop to Northern Iraq. The mission was conducted by a RAAF C-130J Hercules delivering ten pallets of badly needed supplies to Yezidi civilians trapped on Mount Sinjar by encircling ISIL forces. The cargo included 150 boxes of high energy biscuits and 340 boxes of bottled water – enough to sustain 3,700 people for 24 hours...Australia is working closely with our allies and partners to respond to the humanitarian disaster unfolding in northern Iraq. The aid drops will continue until the security of the Yezidi civilians is assured and they can safely move from Mount Sinjar.” [Prime Minister of Australia – Release, [8/14/14](#)]

## Austria

**9/16/14: Austrian Foreign Minister Sebastian Kurz: “The [U.S.] Air Strikes And The Weapons Deliveries Are Important In Order To Push Back The Terrorists.”** “The US air strikes against the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) extremists in north Iraq and Syria, announced by US President Barack Obama on the weekend, was ‘important, Austria’s Foreign Minister Sebastian Kurz said. In a radio interview, Kurz said: ‘The air strikes and the weapons deliveries are important in order to push back the terrorists.’ Austria was a neutral country, and thus also ‘peace loving’, said Kurz, but it was not naive, he added. He pointed out that minorities in the regions, such as Yazidis and Christians, were in grave danger, and being ‘persecuted and murdered’. This was why preparedness for action was needed. On the subject of the ‘radicalisation’ of young people in Austria and Germany, Kurz called for more education, including via social networks, which would teach them that ‘jihadism and Islamic religion have nothing to do with each other.’” [KUNA, [9/16/14](#)]

**8/21/14: Austrian Foreign Ministry: “A Few Days Ago, The Austrian Government Approved The Provision Of € 1 Million In Emergency Aid From The Foreign Disaster Relief Fund To The UNO In Northern Iraq, And Now It Has Launched Another Initiative: A Joint Relief Operation Of The Austrian Foreign And Defence Ministries.”** “Austria is offering its help. A few days ago, the Austrian Government approved the provision of € 1 million

in emergency aid from the Foreign Disaster Relief Fund to the UNO in Northern Iraq, and now it has launched another initiative: a joint relief operation of the Austrian Foreign and Defence Ministries. Austria is providing Red Cross aid packages in the value of 150,000 euros financed by the Austrian Development Agency operating within the Foreign Ministry. The Austrian Army will transport the packages by means of a C-130 Hercules aircraft to Leipzig next Thursday; the German Army will then take them along with other relief supplies to the crisis area. The supplies will be distributed by Austrian Embassy staff in cooperation with local bodies; the Austrian Foreign Ministry is in contact with the Kurdish leaders on site. The packages contain supplies for medical emergency aid. This aid mission will ensure medical aid for 100,000 people for three months. Foreign Minister Sebastian Kurz: ‘Starting at the end of last week, Austria was among the first countries to provide help to Northern Iraq in this humanitarian crisis. We do not turn a blind eye to this situation; we do what we can. Hundreds of thousands of people are fleeing from the fighters of a cruel terrorist organisation. Austria does not close its eyes. We are offering our help.’” [Austrian Foreign Ministry, [8/21/14](#)]

## **Bahrain**

**9/23/14: Bahrain News Agency: “A Group Of Fighter Jets From The Royal Bahrain Air Force (RBAF) Carried Out Earlier This Morning, Along With The Air Forces Of The Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) States And Those Of Allied And Friendly Countries, Air Strikes Against A Number Of Selected Targets Of Terrorist Groups And Organisations, And Destroyed Them, An Authorised Source At The Bahrain Defence Force (BDF)’s General Headquarters Said.”** “RBAF jets participate in air strikes against terror groups: A group of fighter jets from the Royal Bahrain Air Force (RBAF) carried out earlier this morning, along with the air forces of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) states and those of allied and friendly countries, air strikes against a number of selected targets of terrorist groups and organisations, and destroyed them, an authorised source at the Bahrain Defence Force (BDF)’s General Headquarters said. The strikes are part of the international efforts to protect regional security and global peace, the source added.” [Bahrain News Agency, [9/23/14](#)]

**9/15/14: Bahrain Ministry Of Foreign Affairs: “[Minister Of Foreign Affairs Shaikh Khalid Bin Ahmed Bin Mohammed Al Khalifa] Noted The Importance Of Joint Work In Three Main Areas: Military, Financial And Ideological To Eliminate ISIS Menace, Following The Atrocities It Perpetrated Against Civilians Of All Sects And Faiths In Iraq And Syria. On This Basis, The Minister Declared Bahrain’s Preparedness To Host An International Conference To Dry Up The Sources Of Funds For Terrorist Groups, With Participation Of Specialized Experts.”** “The Minister of Foreign Affairs Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Khalifa has paid tribute to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan for its unwavering position to play a key regional role in war on terrorist groups, particularly the so called Islamic State(IS), which was expressed in the last address given by His Majesty King Abdullah Ibn Al Hossein at NATO Summit, affirming that the Kingdom of Bahrain will constantly and permanently support the brotherly Kingdom of Jordan in this respect. These remarks came in the statement given by the Minister of Foreign Affairs Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Khalifa at the Paris Conference for Peace and security in Iraq which kicked off at the French Capital today. The Minister noted the importance of joint work in three main areas: military, financial and ideological to eliminate ISIS menace, following the atrocities it perpetrated against civilians of all sects and faiths in Iraq and Syria. On this basis, the Minister

declared Bahrain's preparedness to host an international conference to dry up the sources of funds for terrorist groups, with participation of specialized experts. He stressed the need to eliminate all terrorist groups in the region which pose no less menace than ISIS such as Hezbollah and other terrorist groups to restore regional security and stability and extended his thanks and appreciation to President Francois Hollande of the Republic of France and the French Minister of Foreign Affairs Laurent Fabius for strengthening global partnership for the sake of peace and security in Iraq and the region. The meeting approved Bahrain's hosting of an international conference to combat funding of terrorism in the region while the participants thanked the Bahraini leadership for their efforts in combating the phenomena and expressed eagerness to take part in the intended international gathering." [Kingdom of Bahrain – Ministry of Foreign Affairs, [9/15/14](#)]

## **Belgium**

**9/10/14: Belgian Ministry Of Foreign Affairs Spokesman Hendrik Van De Velde: "The MFA Position Is That We Are Positively Inclined To Contribute, And That We Have The Military Capacity To Do So. Belgium Does Have An Interest To Contribute."** "The MFA position is that we are positively inclined to contribute, and that we have the military capacity to do so. Belgium does have an interest to contribute. We are a country with jihadists joining the IS." [De Morgen, [9/10/14](#)]

**8/28/14: Kurdistan Regional Government – Release: "[Belgian] Ambassador [Thomas] Baekelandt Said That Belgium Is Fully Aware Of The Challenging Humanitarian Crisis Facing Internally Displaced People (IDPs) And Refugees Now Sheltered In Kurdistan. He Informed Minister Mustafa That Belgium Is Sending 13 Tonnes Of Humanitarian Aid To Be Distributed To Idps And Refugees In The Kurdistan Region."** "Minister Falah Mustafa, Head of the KRG Department of Foreign Relations, today welcomed the Ambassador of Belgium to Jordan, Mr. Thomas Baekelandt, upon his first visit to Kurdistan. Ambassador Baekelandt said that Belgium is fully aware of the challenging humanitarian crisis facing internally displaced people (IDPs) and refugees now sheltered in Kurdistan. He informed Minister Mustafa that Belgium is sending 13 tonnes of humanitarian aid to be distributed to IDPs and refugees in the Kurdistan Region. The Ambassador noted that his country would continue to engage with Kurdistan, offering further support, after the formation of Belgium's new government. He praised the role of the KRG and its Peshmerga forces in protecting civilians and members of religious minority groups from the terrorist militants. Minister Mustafa thanked Ambassador Baekelandt for his visit to Kurdistan, expressing appreciation to the government and the people of Belgium for the provision of much-needed humanitarian assistance. He also pointed to the Peshmerga forces' commitment to fight against the terrorists, a fight waged on behalf of the entire world in the name of tolerance, decency, and human rights for all civilians regardless of ethnicity or religion. [Kurdistan Regional Government – Release, [8/28/14](#)]

**8/8/14: Belgian Ministry Of Foreign Affairs: "Deputy Prime Minister And Minister Of Foreign Affairs Didier Reynders Is Still Deeply Worried About The Situation In Northern Iraq. Indeed, The Fate Of The Civilian Population Concerns Us All. A Greater Involvement Of The International Community Is Therefore Essential, Both From A Humanitarian And A Security Point Of View. The Minister Therefore Supports All**

**Initiatives To Protect Civilians, Especially From The UN Security Council Or The UN Human Rights Council.** “Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Didier Reynders is still deeply worried about the situation in northern Iraq. Indeed, the fate of the civilian population concerns us all. A greater involvement of the international community is therefore essential, both from a humanitarian and a security point of view. The Minister therefore supports all initiatives to protect civilians, especially from the UN Security Council or the UN Human Rights Council. Just as during his meeting with a delegation of the Support Committee for Eastern Christians of 30 July, the Minister again condemns the cruelties and crimes committed by the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) against civilians, including women, children and religious minorities. Together with the European Union, Belgium calls on Iraqi political forces to quickly form a broad-based government that can respond to the population’s needs and expectations. The formation of a broad-based government is the best way to move forward and join forces against the ISIS.” [Belgian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, [8/8/14](#)]

## **Bosnia**

**9/19/14: The U.S. State Department Included Bosnia On A List Of Contributors To Global Anti-ISIL Efforts.** “A Global Effort to Support Iraq and to Defeat ISIL: The breadth and diversity of countries and organizations making contributions across one or more of the lines of effort demonstrate the global and unified nature of this fight. Below are some of the partners that have made contributions and commitments to date. This is an ongoing effort, and we expect the number of countries to grow....Bosnia...” [U.S. State Department – Media Note, [9/19/14](#)]

## **Bulgaria**

**9/9/14: Bulgarian Foreign Minister Daniel Mitov: “It Should Be Clear That The Entire International Community Should Unite And Ensure That This Threat Will Be Eliminated.”** “It should be clear that the entire international community should unite and ensure that this threat will be eliminated. ...This conflict poses a direct threat to Bulgaria. ...Many of the ‘Islamic State’ fighters have European passports. They will pass through Europe, including Bulgaria, and here the secret services of all allies should cooperate very closely. Those people should be clearly identified. A plan should be drawn up to deal with them and the member countries should take measures to end the flow of people who go there.” [Bulgarian National Television (BNT), 9/9/14]

**9/3/14: Standart: “The Islamists Threaten Both The Middle East And The EU External Borders, Bulgaria's Minister Of Foreign Affairs Daniel Mitov Told Standart In An Exclusive Interview. As Such, Following The Examples Of EU Countries Such As Estonia, Czech Republic, Croatia, Germany, France And Britain, Bulgaria Will Also Provide Military Assistance. The Military Assistance Will Consist Of Munition, Transported To The City Of Erbil.”** “The Islamists threaten both the Middle East and the EU external borders, Bulgaria's Minister of Foreign Affairs Daniel Mitov told Standart in an exclusive interview. As such, following the examples of EU countries such as Estonia, Czech Republic, Croatia, Germany, France and Britain, Bulgaria will also provide military assistance. The military assistance will consist of munition, transported to the city of Erbil. Bulgaria will also seek opportunities to provide humanitarian aid, especially following a request by the Iraqi embassy in

Sofia. It is also a well known fact that Bulgaria's ex Minister of foreign Affairs Nikolay Mladenov is now a special UN envoy to Iraq, minister Mitov noted.” [Standart, [9/3/14](#)]

## Canada

**9/15/14: Government Of Canada: “Today, The Government Of Canada Announced That It Will Provide Strategic Airlift Support For Military Supplies To Iraq From The Czech Republic. Under Operation IMPACT, The Canadian Air Task Force Iraq Will Begin Operating From The Czech Republic, Delivering Eastern European Small-Arms Ammunition To Iraq To Assist The Iraqi Security Forces Protect Civilians From The Terrorist Threat Presented By The Islamic State Of Iraq And The Levant (ISIL).”** “Today, the Government of Canada announced that it will provide strategic airlift support for military supplies to Iraq from the Czech Republic. Under Operation IMPACT, the Canadian Air Task Force Iraq will begin operating from the Czech Republic, delivering Eastern European small-arms ammunition to Iraq to assist the Iraqi security forces protect civilians from the terrorist threat presented by the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL). The Canadian Armed Forces (CAF), will commence airlift operations from the Czech Republic on September 18, supplying Iraqi security forces with small-arms ammunition donated by the government of the Czech Republic to aid in their efforts protecting civilians from hostile acts by ISIL.” [Government of Canada – Press Release, [9/15/14](#)]

**9/15/14: Government Of Canada: “The CAF Continues To Stage Airlift Operations From Albania As Part Of A Multinational Effort Including The United States And The United Kingdom To Provide Effective Protection To Iraqis Facing ISIL Aggression. As Of September 12, 13 Flights Have Been Successfully Completed, Delivering A Total Of Approximately 503,000 Pounds (228,000 Kilograms) Of Military Supplies To Iraq.”** “The CAF continues to stage airlift operations from Albania as part of a multinational effort including the United States and the United Kingdom to provide effective protection to Iraqis facing ISIL aggression. As of September 12, 13 flights have been successfully completed, delivering a total of approximately 503,000 pounds (228,000 kilograms) of military supplies to Iraq. The Canadian Air Task Force Iraq (CATFI) includes: One CC-130J Hercules cargo aircraft; One CC-177 Globemaster III transport aircraft; and Approximately 100 CAF aircrew, technicians and logistics specialists. CJOC is the CAF’s operational arm and is responsible for preparing and conducting military operations anywhere in the world as directed by the Government of Canada. Operation IMPACT is in addition to the humanitarian assistance Canada is already providing to Iraq.” [Government of Canada – Press Release, [9/15/14](#)]

**9/15/14: Canadian Foreign Minister John Baird: “Canada's Facilitation Of Crucial Airlifts Is Another Demonstration Of Our Support For Iraq At This Critical Time. The Threat Posed By ISIL Requires A Firm Response From The International Community And Canada Is Committed To Playing Its Part.”** “Canada's facilitation of crucial airlifts is another demonstration of our support for Iraq at this critical time. The threat posed by ISIL requires a firm response from the international community and Canada is committed to playing its part.” [Government of Canada – Press Release, [9/15/14](#)]

**9/5/14: Prime Minister Stephen Harper – Release: “Prime Minister Stephen Harper Today Announced The Deployment Of Several Dozen Members Of The Canadian Armed Forces To Iraq. Upon Receipt Of Final Consent From Iraq, They Will Join The U.S. In Advising The Government Of Iraq On How To Enable Security Forces In The Northern Part Of The Country To Be More Effective Against The Threat Posed By The Islamic State Of Iraq And The Levant (ISIL)... . Canada Will Be Present In An Advisory And Assistance Role. The Initial Deployment Will Be For A Period Of Up To 30 Days.”** “Prime Minister Stephen Harper today announced the deployment of several dozen members of the Canadian Armed Forces to Iraq. Upon receipt of final consent from Iraq, they will join the U.S. in advising the Government of Iraq on how to enable security forces in the northern part of the country to be more effective against the threat posed by the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL). This will contribute to protecting Iraqi citizens being persecuted by ISIL and help prevent any further escalation of the humanitarian crisis being caused by those fleeing the terrorist group. More specifically, Canadian Armed Forces members will provide strategic and tactical advice to Iraqi forces before they commence tactical operations against ISIL. Canada will be present in an advisory and assistance role. The initial deployment will be for a period of up to 30 days. It will be reassessed after that time.” [Prime Minister of Canada – Release, [9/5/14](#)]

**9/5/14: Prime Minister Stephen Harper – Release: “Prime Minister Stephen Harper Announced That A Royal Canadian Air Force CC-177 Globemaster III Strategic Airlifter Completed Its First Delivery Of Military Equipment, Donated By The Republic Of Albania, To Security Forces In Iraq Fighting ISIL. As Of September 3rd, 231,000 Pounds Of Military Supplies Have Been Successfully Delivered Via Five Flights.”** “September 4, 2014: John Baird, Minister of Foreign Affairs, announced the distribution of a second round of relief supplies from its emergency stockpile in the United Arab Emirates to meet the immediate needs of people affected by the conflict in Iraq. He also announced an additional \$5 million to provide emergency shelter and emergency relief supplies to conflict-affected people in northern Iraq, as well as \$2 million to provide urgent health-care services, bringing Canada’s total humanitarian aid to the country to \$28 million since the beginning of 2014; September 3, 2014 John Baird, Minister of Foreign Affairs, announced a contribution of \$15 million in security programming that will directly benefit the people of Iraq. This includes \$10 million in non-lethal security assistance for equipment such as helmets, body armour and logistics-support vehicles to assist security forces combating ISIL, and \$5 million to support regional efforts to limit the movement of foreign fighters into Iraq and Syria...August 29, 2014: Prime Minister Stephen Harper announced that a Royal Canadian Air Force CC-177 Globemaster III strategic airlifter completed its first delivery of military equipment, donated by the Republic of Albania, to security forces in Iraq fighting ISIL. As of September 3rd, 231,000 pounds of military supplies have been successfully delivered via five flights.” [Prime Minister of Canada – Release, [9/5/14](#)]

**9/3/14: Government Of Canada – Release: “‘Canada Will Not Stand Idly By While ISIL Continues To Murder Innocent Civilians, Including Members Of Ethnic And Religious Minorities,’ Added [Foreign Affairs Minister John] Baird. ‘Canada Will Make An Additional Contribution Of \$15 Million To Support Security Measures. We Will Continue To Monitor The Situation, And Provide Further Assistance As Needed.’ This Contribution Includes \$10 Million In Non-Lethal Security Assistance To Provide Equipment Such As Helmets, Body Armour And Logistics Support Vehicles To Security Forces In Iraq**

**Combatting ISIL. It Also Includes \$5 Million To Support Regional Efforts To Limit The Movement Of Foreign Fighters Into Iraq And Syria.”** “Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird was in Baghdad today to meet with government officials and discuss the critical humanitarian and security situation in Iraq. He was joined by an all-party delegation consisting of Paul Dewar, Member of Parliament for Ottawa Centre, and Marc Garneau, Member of Parliament for Westmount-Ville-Marie... ‘I’m here in Iraq to demonstrate Canada’s commitment to Iraq’s stability, security, and prosperity,’ Baird said. ‘ISIL’s barbaric and expansionist advance in Syria and Iraq is further destabilizing the region and poses a very real threat to not only regional but also global security. Canada has taken action with the government of Iraq and our allies to counter ISIL’s activities... ‘Canada will not stand idly by while ISIL continues to murder innocent civilians, including members of ethnic and religious minorities,’ added Baird. ‘Canada will make an additional contribution of \$15 million to support security measures. We will continue to monitor the situation, and provide further assistance as needed.’ This contribution includes \$10 million in non-lethal security assistance to provide equipment such as helmets, body armour and logistics support vehicles to security forces in Iraq combatting ISIL. It also includes \$5 million to support regional efforts to limit the movement of foreign fighters into Iraq and Syria.” [Government of Canada – Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development, [9/3/14](#)]

**9/3/14: Government Of Canada: “[These Measures Are] In Addition To The \$5 Million Humanitarian Assistance Package Canada Has Already Provided To The Country.”** “To help in the delivery of critical military supplies from contributing allies to security forces in Iraq fighting ISIL, Canada has deployed a Royal Canadian Air Force CC-130J Hercules and a CC-177 Globemaster, along with their crews of about 30 Canadian Armed Forces personnel. This measure is in addition to the \$5 million humanitarian assistance package Canada has already provided to the country.” [Government of Canada – Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development, [9/3/14](#)]

**7/22/14: Prime Minister Stephen Harper: “Canada Condemns The Systematic Campaign Of Persecution That Is Being Perpetrated In The City Of Mosul, Iraq, By The Islamic State Of Iraq And Syria (ISIS)... The Very Notion Of Religious Freedom Is What ISIS Is Working To Eradicate And What The Iraqi People And The International Community Cannot Surrender.”** “Prime Minister Stephen Harper today issued the following statement condemning the recent campaign of religious persecution in Iraq: ‘Canada condemns the systematic campaign of persecution that is being perpetrated in the city of Mosul, Iraq, by the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS). Its ultimatum – pay the jizya (tax on non-Muslims), convert, leave the city, or be killed – is the most recent measure aimed at forcing hundreds of thousands of Christians to convert to ISIS’ nefarious brand of Islam. Forced conversions, by threat of death, are an egregious violation of the fundamental human right to the freedom of religion. The very notion of religious freedom is what ISIS is working to eradicate and what the Iraqi people and the international community cannot surrender. Canada calls on the Iraqi Government to govern for all Iraqis, regardless of ethnic origin or religious belief, and to take immediate, effective measures against ISIS and the terrorists that it supports. ISIS’ ever-increasing campaign of violence endangers all individuals who do not share its beliefs, and threatens the very foundations of Iraq’s future as a secure, democratic and prosperous country.’” [Prime Minister of Canada – Statement, [7/22/14](#)]

## Croatia

**8/26/14: Secretary Of Defense Chuck Hagel Announced That Croatia Was Participating Alongside Other Countries To “Accelerate Resupply Efforts To The Embattled Kurdish Forces In Northern Iraq.”** “The United States appreciates the willingness of more and more of our allies and partners to support the Iraqi people in their fight against ISIL. ‘Two weeks ago, I commissioned a U.S.-led working group to accelerate resupply efforts to the embattled Kurdish forces in northern Iraq. In addition to support from the U.S., and the central government of Iraq in Baghdad, seven additional nations - Albania, Canada, Croatia, Denmark, Italy, France, and the United Kingdom - have committed to helping provide Kurdish forces urgently needed arms and equipment. Operations have already begun and will accelerate in the coming days with more nations also expected to contribute. I'd like to thank each of these allies for working alongside the United States military.’ [U.S. Department of Defense – Release, [8/26/14](#)]

## Cyprus

**9/19/14: The U.S. State Department Included Cyprus On A List Of Contributors To Global Anti-ISIL Efforts.** “A Global Effort to Support Iraq and to Defeat ISIL: The breadth and diversity of countries and organizations making contributions across one or more of the lines of effort demonstrate the global and unified nature of this fight. Below are some of the partners that have made contributions and commitments to date. This is an ongoing effort, and we expect the number of countries to grow....Cyprus...” [U.S. State Department – Media Note, [9/19/14](#)]

## Czech Republic

**9/15/14: Czech Foreign Minister Lubomír Zaorálek: “The Czech Republic Will Provide Various Kinds Of Weaponry To The Iraqi Army Including L-159 Fighter Jets. The Czech Government Has Already Approved A Gift Of Approximately 500 Tons Of Ammunition For The Kurdish Regional Government Which Will Be Delivered In Coordination With The Canadian Air Force. We Are Prepared To Offer The Training Of Civil Defense Forces And Integrated Rescue System In Iraqi Kurdistan And Are Looking For Further Ways How To Improve The Ability Of Iraqi Security Forces And To Support The Democratic Process.”** “We will need a broader international alliance. We need a coordinated effective approach. Let us work on that. The Czech Republic has traditionally close relations with Iraq and we cannot stand in the sidelines when our friends are in danger. The Czech Republic will provide various kinds of weaponry to the Iraqi army including L-159 fighter jets. The Czech Government has already approved a gift of approximately 500 tons of ammunition for the Kurdish regional government which will be delivered in coordination with the Canadian Air Force. We are prepared to offer the training of civil defense forces and integrated rescue system in Iraqi Kurdistan and are looking for further ways how to improve the ability of Iraqi security forces and to support the democratic process... We have contributed more than 1,5 mil. USD in humanitarian aid to alleviate the suffering of the victims of Syrian conflict. We have financially supported the activities of International Organization for Migration and UNICEF which are taking care of the refugees in northern Iraq.” [Remarks at International Conference on Iraq in Paris, [9/15/14](#)]

**9/11/14: Reuters: “The Czech Government Will Send The First Shipment Of Ammunition To Kurdish Forces In Iraq Next Week, The Defence Ministry Said On Thursday.”** “The Czech government will send the first shipment of ammunition to Kurdish forces in Iraq next week, the Defence Ministry said on Thursday. The Czech government agreed last month to supply \$2 million worth of ammunition for Kalashnikov assault rifles and machine guns, as well as hand grenades and ammunition for rocket-propelled grenades, to the Kurds to help them fight Islamic State insurgents who have overrun wide areas of northern Iraq.” [Reuters, [9/11/14](#)]

**9/7/14: Czech News Agency (ČTK): “Czech Foreign Minister Lubomír Zaorálek (Social Democrats, ČSSD) Will Travel To Bagdad And Irbil On Sept. 15 Mainly To Discuss The Delivery Of Ammunition For Iraq Approved By The Czech Government, Zaorálek Told Czech Television (ČT) Today. The Ammunition Is To Help The Kurdish Militia In Its Fight Against Islamists... The Delivery Is Worth Over 40 Million Crowns, He Added.”** “Czech Foreign Minister Lubomír Zaorálek (Social Democrats, ČSSD) will travel to Bagdad and Irbil on Sept. 15 mainly to discuss the delivery of ammunition for Iraq approved by the Czech government, Zaorálek told Czech Television (ČT) today. The ammunition is to help the Kurdish militia in its fight against Islamists. Zaorálek said as this was an extraordinarily big delivery and an extraordinary situation, it was important to speak with those to whom this related. The delivery of the ammunition is so big that the U.S. aircraft is helping its transport, he added. The Kurds are to receive millions of cartridges for their Kalashnikovs and machine guns as well as hand grenades and bazooka ammunition, Zaorálek said. The delivery is worth over 40 million crowns, he added.” [Czech News Agency (ČTK), [9/7/14](#)]

- **9/7/14: Czech News Agency (ČTK): “The Plan Was Supported By Former Foreign Minister Karel Schwarzenberg (TOP 09). ‘If We Have Something At Our Disposal, We Should Deliver The Arms To The Peshmergas, Similarly To Germany. This Is Very Reasonable,’ He Added...Zaorálek Said U.S. Secretary Of State John Kerry Had Spoken With Him About The Situation In Iraq And Czech-U.S. Relations At The NATO Summit. ‘It Has Happened For The First Time In History That We Can See A Terrorist Group Being Transformed Into A Sort Of State. This Was Here Never Before,’ He Added.”** “The plan was supported by former foreign minister Karel Schwarzenberg (TOP 09). ‘If we have something at our disposal, we should deliver the arms to the Peshmergas, similarly to Germany. This is very reasonable,’ he added. On the other hand, the Czech Republic does not have the capabilities to intervene militarily in the region, Schwarzenberg said. Zaorálek said he had been waiting for the moment when the new Iraqi government would be formed that would be backed by the local parliament. ‘As it is still a single territory, including Kurdistan, I believe that it is important to discuss with the representatives in Bagdad and to exert a pressure on the creation of an inclusive government that will not repeat past political mistakes,’ Zaorálek said. He said commercial arms deliveries would be discussed, too. Zaorálek said U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry had spoken with him about the situation in Iraq and Czech-U.S. relations at the NATO summit. ‘It has happened for the first time in history that we can see a terrorist group being transformed into a sort of state. This was here never before,’ he added.” [Czech News Agency (ČTK), [9/7/14](#)]

**8/27/14: Ministry Of Foreign Affairs Of Denmark: “Today, The Danish Parliament (Folketinget) Has Approved A Danish Military Contribution (A C-130J Transport Aircraft) To Support Efforts To Combat The Terrorist Organisation ISIL In Iraq. The Aircraft Will Support The International Efforts Against ISIL And Assist Iraqi Authorities In Protecting The Civilian Population Against The Violent Attacks And Atrocities.”**

“Today, the Danish Parliament (Folketinget) has approved a Danish military contribution (a C-130J transport aircraft) to support efforts to combat the terrorist organisation ISIL in Iraq. The aircraft will support the international efforts against ISIL and assist Iraqi authorities in protecting the civilian population against the violent attacks and atrocities. The Danish Minister for Foreign Affairs of Denmark Martin Lidegaard states: ‘I am very happy with the unanimous political support for Denmark’s contribution to the fight against ISIL in Iraq. It is an important signal to our troops and to the international community. ISIL is currently one of the biggest – if not the biggest – threat the international community is facing right now. Denmark’s contribution to the ongoing military operation in Iraq will of course not eliminate ISIL completely, but aims at helping the Iraqis in engaging and countering ISIL’s current offensive. A political solution in Iraq is of paramount importance. First and foremost, Iraq must form an inclusive government, which I urged my Iraqi colleague to do during our conversation yesterday.’” [Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark, [8/27/14](#)]

**8/26/14: Secretary Of Defense Chuck Hagel Announced That Denmark Was Participating Alongside Other Countries To “Accelerate Resupply Efforts To The Embattled Kurdish Forces In Northern Iraq.”** “The United States appreciates the willingness of more and more of our allies and partners to support the Iraqi people in their fight against ISIL. ‘Two weeks ago, I commissioned a U.S.-led working group to accelerate resupply efforts to the embattled Kurdish forces in northern Iraq. In addition to support from the U.S., and the central government of Iraq in Baghdad, seven additional nations - Albania, Canada, Croatia, Denmark, Italy, France, and the United Kingdom - have committed to helping provide Kurdish forces urgently needed arms and equipment. Operations have already begun and will accelerate in the coming days with more nations also expected to contribute. I’d like to thank each of these allies for working alongside the United States military.’” [U.S. Department of Defense – Release, [8/26/14](#)]

## **Egypt**

**8/21/14: Foreign Ministry Of Egypt – Release: “The Foreign Ministry Strongly Denounced The Killing Of American Journalist James Foley Who Was Beheaded By The Islamic State Of Iraq And The Levant (ISIL) In Syria. ‘This Is A Barbaric Brutal Crime That Runs Counter To Islamic Teachings,’ The Ministry Said In A Statement. The Ministry’s Spokesman Badr Abdel Aati Renewed Call On The International Community To Rally Efforts To Fight Terrorism.”** “The Foreign Ministry strongly denounced the killing of American journalist James Foley who was beheaded by the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) in Syria. ‘This is a barbaric brutal crime that runs counter to Islamic teachings,’ the ministry said in a statement. The ministry’s spokesman Badr Abdel Aati renewed call on the international community to rally efforts to fight terrorism. The ISIL has posted a video of the beheading of journalist Foley in revenge for US air strikes in Iraq. It prompted widespread horror

that could push Western powers into further action against the group.” [Foreign Ministry Of Egypt – Statement, [8/21/14](#)]

## Estonia

**8/29/14: Republic Of Estonia – Foreign Minister Urmas Paet: “Estonia Has Decided To Donate A Million Machine Gun Cartridges To Support Their Struggle Against The Islamic State.”** “At today's European Union foreign ministers meeting in Milan, Foreign Minister Urmas Paet said that European countries and the United States must increase their efforts to stop attacks by the Islamic State combatants and all other terrorist groups against civilians in Iraq and Syria. Paet added that Estonia is supporting the fight against terrorism with ammunition and by providing humanitarian assistance to refugees... ‘Estonia has decided to donate a million machine gun cartridges to support their struggle against the Islamic State,’ he said, adding that the donated ammunition was acquired in 1993-1995 and Estonia no longer needs them for their own defence purposes. According to Paet, Estonia has also provided humanitarian aid to people fleeing from the extremist attacks, in order to help alleviate the situation of internally displaced people. ‘We have supported internally displaced people in Iraq with 70,000 euros,’ Paet said, adding that Estonia has also provided assistance to Syrian refugees in Iraq.” [Republic of Estonia – Ministry of Foreign Affairs, [8/29/14](#)]

## European Union

**8/29/14: European Commission: “In Response To The Rapidly Deteriorating Situation This Summer, On 14 August The EU Civil Protection Mechanism Was Activated To Facilitate And Support The Rapid Deployment Of In-Kind Assistance And Expertise To Iraq. A Humanitarian Air Bridge Was Set Up To Deliver Relief Items, Logistics And Other Resources. Ten Member States Have Been Delivering Essential Assistance Through This Humanitarian Air Bridge...”** “In response to the rapidly deteriorating situation this summer, on 14 August the EU Civil Protection Mechanism was activated to facilitate and support the rapid deployment of in-kind assistance and expertise to Iraq. A humanitarian air bridge was set up to deliver relief items, logistics and other resources. Ten Member States have been delivering essential assistance through this humanitarian air bridge: either bilaterally or through the EU Civil Protection Mechanism. These are Austria, Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, the Netherlands, Sweden and the United Kingdom. They have provided urgently needed items such as tents, sleeping bags, blankets, kitchen cooking sets, food rations, vehicles, hygiene kits, power generators, and medical supplies. More than twenty flights carrying food and non-food items have arrived in Iraq in result of this coordination.” [European Commission – Press Release, [8/29/14](#)]

**8/29/14: European Commission: “The European Commission Has Gradually Scaled Up Its Financial Assistance For This Crisis As Well. EU Aid, Reaching The Most Vulnerable Without Distinction Of Ethnicity Or Religion, Has More Than Quadrupled Since The Beginning Of The Year, From €4 Million To €17 Million.”** “The European Commission has gradually scaled up its financial assistance for this crisis as well. EU aid, reaching the most vulnerable without distinction of ethnicity or religion, has more than quadrupled since the beginning of the year, from €4 million to €17 million. The Commission is funding activities

targeting the internally displaced and the refugees, including the provision of shelter, food, water and other life-saving assistance. Altogether, the EU's humanitarian support - including that from the Commission and Member states - exceeds €40 million since the beginning of August. The EU funding is supporting Iraq in three different humanitarian challenges: the internal sectarian conflict that has led to the displacement of over 2 million people; Iraqi refugees in neighbouring countries and the arrival of almost 220 000 refugees from Syria. This assistance, mobilised in response of the current crisis, adds to the nearly €145 million of humanitarian support that the Commission has given for Iraq since 2007 to cater for displaced Iraqi and Syrian refugees.” [European Commission – Press Release, [8/29/14](#)]

## Finland

**8/12/14: Helsinki Times: “Erkki Tuomioja (SDP), The Minister For Foreign Affairs, Believes The Western Military Intervention In Iraq To Be Fully Justified As Long As The Assistance Efforts Enjoy The Support And Confidence Of The Iraqi Government.... ‘ISIS Has Turned Out To Be Perhaps The Most Ruthless Terrorist Organisation Of Our Time. It Has Committed Outright Genocide Or At Least Acts Similar To A Genocide,’ Tuomioja Viewed On Tuesday. ‘Taking Action Against It Was Absolutely Inevitable.’”** “Erkki Tuomioja (SDP), the Minister for Foreign Affairs, believes the Western military intervention in Iraq to be fully justified as long as the assistance efforts enjoy the support and confidence of the Iraqi government. The United States has launched air strikes against militants of the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) in northern Iraq and announced its decision to deliver military aid to the Kurdish forces fighting against the Islamic terrorist organisation. France has similarly stated that it is prepared to provide military aid to the Kurdish forces. ‘ISIS has turned out to be perhaps the most ruthless terrorist organisation of our time. It has committed outright genocide or at least acts similar to a genocide,’ Tuomioja viewed on Tuesday. ‘Taking action against it was absolutely inevitable.’ Other countries, including Finland, can concentrate on delivering humanitarian aid to people in desperate need, said Tuomioja.” [Helsinki Times, [8/12/14](#)]

## France

**9/19/14: French Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius: “It Would Like To Be Called The ‘Islamic State.’ Actually, They're Just Throat Cutters... This Morning, Indeed, Upon Instructions Handed Down By The President Of The Republic, French [Planes] Intervened Against A Warehouse Occupied By The DASH Terrorists In The Northeast Of Iraq ... It Was Completely Destroyed.”** “FABIUS (through translator): Mr. President, Dear John, as special representative of the United Nations, Mr. Secretary general, Mr. Minister of Foreign affairs of Iraq, ladies and gentleman, colleagues and friends, the terrorist group (inaudible) took control of part of Iraq and Syria. It would like to be called the ‘Islamic State.’ Actually, they're just throat cutters. (inaudible) has no legitimacy of a state, nor does it represent Islam... Their actions, their object obviously flouts the rule of law and scorns civil society. It is an obvious negation of international order and a denial of the founding principles underpinning our organization, especially. Today they have focused on attacking Iraq after flourishing in Syria with the support of the regime, and that might've been in the past, but now they are aiming at well beyond those countries. Let's be clear, they would like to have all of us or almost all of us at the end of their knives, and their cannons and their attacks. Given such a threat, inaction is

simply not an option. France, in keeping with its principles and traditions, decided to shoulder its responsibilities. We did so recently facing terrorism in Mali, and in a completely different context in Central Africa. We shouldered our responsibilities in Syria when, as some of the first, we chose to support the moderate opposition, both against Bashar Assad and against the terrorists. In Iraq, we decided to once again shoulder our responsibilities by providing humanitarian aid, by providing military assistance, and today, even, this morning, by responding to the call of the Iraqi government to provide air support in order to respect international law. This morning, indeed, upon instructions handed down by the president of the republic, French rafael (ph) planes intervened against a warehouse occupied by the DASH terrorists in the northeast of Iraq, near Soul (ph). It was completely destroyed. In the coming days and without engaging troops on the ground, we will continue coordinating our efforts with all of those who wish to commit especially to act alongside the Iraqi forces.” [United Nations Security Council Holds A Meeting On Iraq, [9/19/14](#)]

**9/17/14: France 24: “Last Week, Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius ... Said: ‘This Is A Terrorist Group And Not A State. I Do Not Recommend Using The Term Islamic State Because It Blurs The Lines Between Islam, Muslims And Islamists. The Arabs Call It ‘Daesh’ And I Will Be Calling Them The ‘Daesh Cutthroats.’”** “The French government has come up with an answer to a point of persistent journalistic confusion – how exactly does one refer to the Islamic State organisation brutally carving out a self-declared ‘caliphate’ in Syria and northern Iraq? From now on the French foreign ministry will be calling it Daesh, the Arabic acronym for the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), also known as ISIS and IS. Last week, Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius asked journalists and media organisations to do the same. He said: ‘This is a terrorist group and not a state. I do not recommend using the term Islamic State because it blurs the lines between Islam, Muslims and Islamists. The Arabs call it ‘Daesh’ and I will be calling them the ‘Daesh cutthroats.’” His first press release using the name was issued on Monday.” [France24, [9/17/14](#)]

**9/15/14: President François Hollande: “...The Iraqis’ Fight Against The Terrorists Is Also Ours. And We Must Commit Ourselves Together – That’s The Purpose Of This Conference – Alongside The Iraqi Authorities, Clearly, Steadfastly And Strongly. And There’s No Time To Lose.”** “This conference has a single goal: to lend the new Iraqi authorities the political support necessary for them to combat a major threat, which is called Daesh [ISIL] and poses a major risk to Iraq, the Middle East region and the world. The cowardly murder of David Haines is a frightening illustration of this, if any were needed. That terrorist group has not only beheaded journalists and humanitarian workers but also perpetrated massacres and atrocities against civilians. That terrorist movement has attacked the weakest: women and children. That terrorist movement has also attacked religious minorities, which it has hunted down in order to eliminate a number of communities. That terrorist movement has been deployed over a whole territory, in Iraq and Syria. That terrorist movement holds borders in contempt and even intends to found a state. Such is the threat: it’s global, so it requires a global response. This response must come from the Iraqis themselves, and that’s why I welcome the sense of responsibility of the new authorities in Iraq, who have managed to begin dialogue and form a national unity government under the authority of Prime Minister Haidar al-Abadi, enabling each sector of the Iraqi people to be respected and thus ensuring its unity and sovereignty. This was the essential condition for restoring trust and ensuring unity. But unity is also necessary at international level.

In its Resolution 2170, the Security Council declared that Daesh is a huge danger for the world's security. So the Iraqis' fight against the terrorists is also ours. And we must commit ourselves together – that's the purpose of this conference – alongside the Iraqi authorities, clearly, steadfastly and strongly. And there's no time to lose.” [International Conference on Peace and Security – Opening speech by François Hollande, President of the Republic, [9/15/14](#)]

**9/15/14: French Ministry Of Foreign Affairs Press Release – International Conference On Peace And Security In Iraq: “All Participants Underscored The Urgent Need To Remove Daech (ISIL) From The Regions In Which It Has Established Itself In Iraq. To That End, They Committed To Supporting The New Iraqi Government In Its Fight Against Daech (ISIL), By Any Means Necessary, Including Appropriate Military Assistance, In Line With The Needs Expressed By The Iraqi Authorities, In Accordance With International Law And Without Jeopardizing Civilian Security.”** “1. At the invitation of the President of the French Republic and the President of the Republic of Iraq, an international conference on peace and security in Iraq was held today in Paris. 2. The conference participants (Bahrain, Belgium, Canada, China, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Egypt, France, Germany, Iraq, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, the Netherlands, Norway, Oman, Qatar, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United States of America, Arab League, European Union, United Nations) expressed their commitment to the unity, territorial integrity and sovereignty of Iraq. They welcomed the formation of a new government under the authority of the Prime Minister, Mr Haïdar al-Abadi, and offered him their full support to strengthen the rule of law, implement a policy of inclusiveness, and ensure that all components are fairly represented within the federal institutions and all citizens are treated equally. All of these measures are necessary in order to successfully combat Daech (ISIL) and terrorist groups, which represent a threat to all Iraqis...4. All participants underscored the urgent need to remove Daech (ISIL) from the regions in which it has established itself in Iraq. To that end, they committed to supporting the new Iraqi Government in its fight against Daech (ISIL), by any means necessary, including appropriate military assistance, in line with the needs expressed by the Iraqi authorities, in accordance with international law and without jeopardizing civilian security.” [French Ministry Of Foreign Affairs - International Conference on Peace and Security in Iraq Release, [9/15/14](#)]

**9/15/14: French Ministry Of Foreign Affairs Press Release – International Conference On Peace And Security In Iraq: “The International Partners Agreed To Remain Fully Mobilized In Their Support For The Iraqi Authorities And In The Fight Against Daech (ISIL). They Will Ensure That The Commitments Made Today Are Implemented And Followed Up On, Notably In The Framework Of The United Nations And During The High-Level Meetings That Will Be Held Alongside The United Nations General Assembly.”** “8. The conference participants agreed to continue and increase, depending on changes in the situation on the ground, the provision of emergency humanitarian assistance to the Iraqi Government and local authorities, in order to help them accommodate and assist refugees and displaced persons, who should be able to return to their homes safely. 9. The international partners declared that they were willing to assist Iraq in its reconstruction work, with the aim of achieving fair regional development, in particular by providing expertise, know-how and appropriate financial support, through, for example, specific global fund to help reconstruction of areas devastated by Daech (ISIL). 10. The international partners agreed to remain fully mobilized in their support for the Iraqi authorities and in the fight against Daech (ISIL). They

will ensure that the commitments made today are implemented and followed up on, notably in the framework of the United Nations and during the high-level meetings that will be held alongside the United Nations General Assembly.” [French Ministry Of Foreign Affairs - International Conference on Peace and Security in Iraq Release, [9/15/14](#)]

**9/15/14: Reuters: “French Aircraft Will Begin Reconnaissance Flights Over Iraq On Monday, Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius Said Before A Conference Bringing Together About 30 Countries To Discuss How To How To Cooperate In The Fight Against Islamic State Militants. ‘We Told The Iraqis We Were Available And Asked Them For Authorisation (To Fly Over Iraq),’ Fabius Told Europe 1.”** “French aircraft will begin reconnaissance flights over Iraq on Monday, Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius said before a conference bringing together about 30 countries to discuss how to how to cooperate in the fight against Islamic State militants. ‘We told the Iraqis we were available and asked them for authorisation (to fly over Iraq),’ Fabius told Europe 1. When asked to confirm Defence Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian's comments that the first flights from a French base in Abu Dhabi would begin on Monday, Fabius said: ‘Correct.’” [Reuters, [9/15/14](#)]

**9/10/14: Associated Press: “France’s Foreign Minister Said Wednesday His Country Is Ready To Take Part In Airstrikes Against Extremist Fighters In Iraq If Needed. Laurent Fabius Called For International Mobilization Against ‘This Transnational Danger That Could Reach All The Way To Our Soil’ ... Fabius Said In A Speech In Paris That ‘We Will Participate, If Necessary, In Military Air Action’ In Iraq, According To A Text Provided By The French Foreign Ministry.”** “France's foreign minister said Wednesday his country is ready to take part in airstrikes against extremist fighters in Iraq if needed. Laurent Fabius called for international mobilization against ‘this transnational danger that could reach all the way to our soil.’ ... France has said it would join a U.S.-led coalition in Iraq and is sending arms to Kurdish authorities to fight the militants. The French president and foreign minister are going to Iraq on Friday and hosting an international conference Monday on how to stop the group and help Iraq. Fabius said in a speech in Paris that ‘we will participate, if necessary, in military air action’ in Iraq, according to a text provided by the French Foreign Ministry.” [Associated Press, [9/10/14](#)]

**9/10/14: Associated Press: “Speaking To Lawmakers, Fabius Said ‘The Determination Of The Daesh Butchers Is Strong. Ours Must Be Even Stronger.’”** “Fabius said in a speech in Paris that ‘we will participate, if necessary, in military air action’ in Iraq, according to a text provided by the French Foreign Ministry. Earlier, Fabius said people should stop referring to the extremists as the Islamic State group, arguing that they do not represent Islam or a state. Fabius referred to the group Wednesday as Daesh, the acronym in Arabic for its full former name, Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant. Speaking to lawmakers, Fabius said ‘the determination of the Daesh butchers is strong. Ours must be even stronger.’” [Associated Press, [9/10/14](#)]

**9/6/14: CNN: “‘If There Is A Global Threat, Then There Has To Be A Global Response To The Threat,’ French President François Hollande Said.”** “As the summit in Wales wrapped up, world leaders with representatives at the meeting started to make the case for further involvement, without definitively committing to additional actions. ‘If there is a global threat, then there has to be a global response to the threat,’ French President François Hollande said.

‘It's a direct threat to us, to all of us because there are fighters coming from all countries, including France.’” [CNN, [9/6/14](#)]

**9/5/14: Reuters: “French President François Hollande Said On Friday That France Would Join A Military Coalition To Help Battle Islamic State Militants In Iraq If Asked By The Government There.... ‘Are We Going To Participate In A Coalition At The Request Of Iraqi Authorities, In The Respect Of International Law, To Fight This Terrorist Group? The Response Is Yes,’ Hollande Told Journalists, When Asked If France Could Be Involved In Possible Air Strikes Or Boots On The Ground.”** “French President François Hollande said on Friday that France would join a military coalition to help battle Islamic State militants in Iraq if asked by the government there, but did not provide specific details. Hollande spoke at a news conference on the sidelines of a NATO summit in Wales, where earlier in the day the United States said it was forming a ‘core coalition’ of allies and partners to fight the militants. ‘Are we going to participate in a coalition at the request of Iraqi authorities, in the respect of international law, to fight this terrorist group? The response is yes,’ Hollande told journalists, when asked if France could be involved in possible air strikes or boots on the ground.” [Reuters, [9/5/14](#)]

**9/3/14: Government Of France: “France, Which Has Already Sent 59 Tons Of Humanitarian Cargo To Erbil, Will Make Further Deliveries Next Week. It Mobilized The EU On August 15 By Successfully Advocating For The Establishment Of A Humanitarian Airlift Which Already Amounts To €57 Million In Aid.”** “Laurent Fabius, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Development, and Bernard Cazeneuve, Minister of the Interior, received representatives from the Catholic Church and Eastern Christian communities as well as several key figures in order to discuss the serious threat that the ‘Islamic State’ poses to minorities in Iraq. The two ministers recalled France’s efforts at the national level and in cooperation with its partners to protect minorities in Iraq, provide emergency relief to displaced persons and refugees and combat the ‘Islamic State.’ France, which has already sent 59 tons of humanitarian cargo to Erbil, will make further deliveries next week. It mobilized the EU on August 15 by successfully advocating for the establishment of a humanitarian airlift which already amounts to €57 million in aid. The needs remain considerable... France has also made a commitment to receive - where justified on the grounds of urgency - refugees who have links with our country. Several dozen of them were recently received. Others will arrive in France next week in order to fulfill our commitment.” [Government of France, [9/3/14](#)]

**8/30/14: Government of France: “The French Armed Forces Dropped Three Tonnes Of Humanitarian Aid On 30 August Above The Area Of Amerli, Whose Population, Mostly Shia Turkmen, Was Besieged By IS.”** “The French armed forces dropped three tonnes of humanitarian aid on 30 August above the area of Amerli, whose population, mostly Shia Turkmen, was besieged by IS. Coordinated with Australia, the United States and the United Kingdom, it [the aid drop] is intended to address this threatened population’s immediate survival needs (water and foodstuffs). The operation follows humanitarian flights organized by France since 10 August for the displaced people in northern Iraq and which are now part of the humanitarian air bridge decided by the European Union at France’s request. France will continue helping the Iraqi people threatened by violence and terrorism.” [Government of France – Release, [8/30/14](#)]

**8/20/14: Government Of France: “...A Third French Humanitarian Aid Flight Left This Morning For Erbil Carrying 21 Tons Of Cargo Destined For Ngos And The International Organization For Migration. This Aid Notably Includes Basic Foodstuffs (High-Energy Biscuits And Nutritional Supplements), Tents And Blankets, Kitchen Sets, Generators And Medicines.”** “As Laurent Fabius announced yesterday in the National Assembly, a third French humanitarian aid flight left this morning for Erbil carrying 21 tons of cargo destined for NGOs and the International Organization for Migration. This aid notably includes basic foodstuffs (high-energy biscuits and nutritional supplements), tents and blankets, kitchen sets, generators and medicines. This third flight is part of the humanitarian airlift agreed upon on August 15 by the European foreign affairs ministers, on Laurent Fabius’s proposal. A total of 58 tons of humanitarian cargo have been sent since August 10 thanks to the mobilization of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Development’s Crisis Center, humanitarian associations, Nutriset, the Veolia Foundation and the French association, Tulipe (International Emergency and Solidarity by Healthcare Companies). France is actively pursuing its efforts to support Iraqi civilians, paying particular attention to the minority groups suffering the abuses perpetrated by the ‘Islamic State.’” [Government of France – Release, [8/20/14](#)]

**8/13/14: Government Of France: “Laurent Fabius, The Minister Of Foreign Affairs And International Development, Confirms That As Announced, A Second Humanitarian Flight Will Arrive In Iraq August 13. It Is Carrying 20 Tons In Supplies, Notably Medication, Tents, And Water Treatment And Distribution Equipment For Some 50 Thousand People.”** “Laurent Fabius, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Development, confirms that as announced, a second humanitarian flight will arrive in Iraq August 13. It is carrying 20 tons in supplies, notably medication, tents, and water treatment and distribution equipment for some 50 thousand people. France will carry out additional operations in the next few days to assist populations in grave danger.” [Government of France, [8/13/14](#)]

**8/13/14: Office Of President François Hollande – Statement: “In Order To Respond To The Urgent Need Expressed By The Kurdistan Regional Authorities, The President Has Decided, In Agreement With Baghdad, To Deliver Arms In The Coming Hours.”** “France will deliver weapons to Kurdish forces fighting Islamic extremists in Iraq, President François Hollande announced on Wednesday. ‘In order to respond to the urgent need expressed by the Kurdistan regional authorities, the president has decided, in agreement with Baghdad, to deliver arms in the coming hours,’ Hollande’s office said in a statement. ‘France intends to play an active role by providing, along with its partners and in liaison with the new Iraqi authorities, all the assistance required,’ the statement added. Over the weekend, Paris already provided 18 tonnes of humanitarian aid and a new shipment of 20 tonnes of aid was due to arrive in northern Iraq later Wednesday.” [AFP, [8/13/14](#)]

**8/8/14: Reuters: “President François Hollande Said On Friday That France Was Ready To Take Part In Action To End Civilian Suffering In Iraq, And Planned Talks With International Partners To That End. ‘The International Community Cannot Ignore The Threat Represented By The Advance Of This Terrorist Group For The Local Population, The Stability Not Only Of Iraq But Of The Whole Region,’ Said Hollande In A Statement.”** “President François Hollande said on Friday that France was ready to take part in action to end

civilian suffering in Iraq, and planned talks with international partners to that end. ‘The international community cannot ignore the threat represented by the advance of this terrorist group for the local population, the stability not only of Iraq but of the whole region,’ said Hollande in a statement. ‘France will examine with the United States and other international partners what actions could be undertaken to end civilian suffering. We are ready to take responsibility for our part.’” [Reuters, [8/8/14](#)]

## Georgia

**9/7/14: Georgian Defense Minister Irakli Alasania: “We Fully Support What The United States Is Doing To Eradicate These Barbarians.”** “Q: (off-mic) Mr. Minister just wanted to know what Georgia is likely to do or willing to do in this fight against the Islamic State. MIN. ALASANIA: (inaudible) -- trusted ally of the United States. We fully support what the United States is doing to eradicate these barbarians. And we have developed quite an institutional building experience that will help probably the Iraqis to put together their own armed forces. Training, exercises, these are the things that can come to our mind that our secretary mentioned the -- (inaudible) -- discussions -- (inaudible) -- trying to achieve, I think, Georgia continuing role, supportive role in that and we can also discuss further in our security cabinet how best we can support the allies.” [Joint Press Availability with Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel, [9/7/14](#)]

## Germany

**9/12/14: Associated Press: “Germany Plans To Send About 40 Paratroopers To Iraq To Provide Weapons Training To Kurdish Fighters Battling An Islamic Extremist Insurgency. The Defense Ministry Says About Six Soldiers Will Accompany Each Shipment Of German Arms That Will Start Being Flown To Iraq Later This Month. Separately, Some 30 Kurdish Fighters Will Start Training On More Complex Weapons Systems In Southern Germany At The End Of The Month.”** “Germany plans to send about 40 paratroopers to Iraq to provide weapons training to Kurdish fighters battling an Islamic extremist insurgency. The defense ministry says about six soldiers will accompany each shipment of German arms that will start being flown to Iraq later this month. Separately, some 30 Kurdish fighters will start training on more complex weapons systems in southern Germany at the end of the month. Germany has said it will provide the Kurds with 16,000 assault rifles, hundreds of anti-tank weapons and armored vehicles to help fight the extremist Islamic State group. The decision to send soldiers to Iraq was first reported by the website Augen Geradeaus, which covers German military news. Germany has traditionally been reluctant to send troops abroad because of its history of militarism.” [Associated Press, [9/12/14](#)]

**9/12/14: New York Times: “Anyone Caught Displaying The Black Flag Of The Islamic State In Iraq And Syria, Whether In Public Or Over The Internet, Will Face Charges In Germany After The Government Announced A Ban Friday On Supporting The Extremist Group And Its Activities...”** ‘Germany Is A True Democracy, And There Is No Place Here For A Terror Organization Directed At The Constitutional System And The Belief In Understanding Among Different Peoples,’ Thomas De Maizière, The Interior Minister, Said In A Statement Announcing The Ban.” “Anyone caught displaying the black flag of the

Islamic State in Iraq and Syria, whether in public or over the Internet, will face charges in Germany after the government announced a ban Friday on supporting the extremist group and its activities. The move will allow the authorities to crack down on the dissemination of propaganda by the group, known as ISIS, that has been instrumental in attracting support from Germans, amid fear about the organization's growing popularity. Some 450 Germans are believed to have left the country for Syria, raising fears about the danger that radicalized individuals could pose if they were to return. 'Germany is a true democracy, and there is no place here for a terror organization directed at the constitutional system and the belief in understanding among different peoples,' Thomas de Maizière, the interior minister, said in a statement announcing the ban." [New York Times, [9/12/14](#)]

**9/1/14: German Chancellor Angela Merkel: "We Have Seen Acts Of Unbelievable Brutality... Now, We Have The Chance To Help Save Lives And Prevent Any Further Mass Murder In Iraq, And We Must Use This Chance."** "The IS militants are destabilising the entire region, with impacts on Germany, said Chancellor Angela Merkel. A stop must be put to the spread of IS terror, declared the Chancellor, explaining the decision to supply weapons to the Kurds in Iraq, as the country faces a humanitarian disaster. A meeting of ministers chaired by Angela Merkel decided on Sunday evening to supply arms to the Kurds in northern Iraq. This is to support them in their fight against the terrorist militants of the Islamic State (IS). 'We have seen acts of unbelievable brutality,' said Angela Merkel. IS is not only a threat to minorities. Everybody who stands up to the Islamic State must fear the worst. 'The IS proceeds with inconceivable brutality.' ... 'We have weighed up the pros and cons very carefully, taking into account all aspects of foreign and security policy.' We were faced with a choice and we have chosen to support those who need our help. We are aware of the attendant risks, she said. 'But, can we really wait and hope that somebody else will see it as his or her responsibility?' 'Now, we have the chance to help save lives and prevent any further mass murder in Iraq, and we must use this chance,' summed up the Chancellor." [Chancellor Of Germany – Statement, [9/1/14](#)]

**8/31/14: Reuters: "Germany Will Send Enough Weapons To Arm 4,000 Kurdish Fighters In Northern Iraq Battling Against Islamic State (IS) Insurgents, Whose Advances Threaten To Destabilize The Middle East, The Defense Minister Said On Sunday. The Equipment Will Include Armor-Piercing Weapons Like Anti-Tank Rockets, Thousands Of Assault Rifles, Hand Grenades, Mine-Clearing Equipment, Night-Vision Goggles, Field Kitchens And Tents. 'The Weapons Delivery Is Enough To Supply A Brigade Of 4,000 Soldiers,' Said Defense Minister Ursula Von Der Leyen."** "Germany will send enough weapons to arm 4,000 Kurdish fighters in northern Iraq battling against Islamic State (IS) insurgents, whose advances threaten to destabilize the Middle East, the defense minister said on Sunday. The equipment will include armor-piercing weapons like anti-tank rockets, thousands of assault rifles, hand grenades, mine-clearing equipment, night-vision goggles, field kitchens and tents. 'The weapons delivery is enough to supply a brigade of 4,000 soldiers,' said Defense Minister Ursula von der Leyen. Breaking with a post-war policy of not sending arms to conflict zones, Chancellor Angela Merkel says northern Iraq is an 'exception' because of the nature of Islamic State's violence." [Reuters, [8/31/14](#)]

**8/18/14: German Embassy In Washington: "The German Government Decided To Provide Immediate Emergency Aid To The People In Northern Iraq. The Bundeswehr Began Transporting Supplies On August 15. Five Transall Military Aircraft Were Initially**

**Deployed For The Mission Carrying Over 36 Tons Of Humanitarian Air – Including Blankets, Medicine And Food – For The Refugees In And Around Erbil. On Monday, The German Government Increased The Humanitarian Aid By A Further 25 Million Euros. In Addition, The Federal Foreign Office Authorized Transport Of Enough Supplies To Support Up To 20,000 Refugees For Three Months.”** “The German government decided to provide immediate emergency aid to the people in Northern Iraq. The Bundeswehr began transporting supplies on August 15. Five Transall military aircraft were initially deployed for the mission carrying over 36 tons of humanitarian air – including blankets, medicine and food – for the refugees in and around Erbil. On Monday, the German government increased the humanitarian aid by a further 25 million euros. In addition, the Federal Foreign Office authorized transport of enough supplies to support up to 20,000 refugees for three months. The UN will take over the distribution of the goods once they have reached Erbil. The Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, which initially allotted 20 million euros in emergency aid for Northern Iraq, increased the aid once again by 25 million euros. The funds will be distributed through UNICEF, an organization founded to fight world hunger, and other NGOs that are active in the region. The Federal Foreign Office has provided 4.4 million euros in aid to the Iraqis.” [German Missions to the United States, [8/18/14](#)]

## **Greece**

**9/12/14: Greek Ministry Of Foreign Affairs – Statement: “We Welcome And Express Our Political Support For The Creation Of A Global Alliance Of States That Will Coordinate The International Efforts Against The Islamic State, A Terrorist Organization Whose Activities Have Induced The Outrage And Unanimous Condemnation Of The Whole Of The Civilized World.”** “We welcome and express our political support for the creation of a global alliance of states that will coordinate the international efforts against the Islamic State, a terrorist organization whose activities have induced the outrage and unanimous condemnation of the whole of the civilized world. We express our solidarity with the Iraqi government, with the Christians and all of the distressed ethnic and religious communities in the region that have suffered from the base and barbaric actions of the Islamic Caliphate, an extremist jihadist organization that must be obliterated.” [Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs, [9/15/14](#)]

**9/3/14: Greek Deputy Prime Minister And Foreign Minister Evangelos Venizelos: “The Reports Arriving From Syria And Iraq Regarding Mass Murders Of Civilians And The Execution Of Another Journalist Give Rise To Outrage And Profound Concern For The Fate Of Citizens, Irrespective Of Their Religion, Who Are Trying To Survive Under The Regime Of Terror That Has Been Imposed In The Region By The Self-Styled ‘Islamic State’. The Latest Reports Of Executions Of Citizens, Particularly Members Of Minorities, And The Execution Of A Hostage Journalist Constitute Further Appalling Proof Of The Brutality That Characterizes The Actions Of This Terrorist Group, Reconfirming The Dire Need For The International Community’s Immediate Action Against Every Extremist, Jihadist Organization.”** “Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Evangelos Venizelos made the following statement regarding reports of the execution of an American journalist by the ‘Islamic State’ terrorist organization: ‘The reports arriving from Syria and Iraq regarding mass murders of civilians and the execution of another journalist give rise to outrage and profound concern for the fate of citizens, irrespective of their religion, who are trying to survive under the regime of terror that has been imposed in the region by the self-styled ‘Islamic State’. The latest

reports of executions of citizens, particularly members of minorities, and the execution of a hostage journalist constitute further appalling proof of the brutality that characterizes the actions of this terrorist group, reconfirming the dire need for the international community's immediate action against every extremist, jihadist organization. Greece will remain a firm supporter of the right of journalists to work under safe conditions, without threat to their lives or welfare.” [Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs, [9/3/14](#)]

## Hungary

**8/22/14: Hungarian Ministry Of Defence – Release: “Hungary, As A Member Of The European Union And NATO, Will Send Ammunition To Iraq To Assist That Country's Armed Forces In Their Fight Against Terrorism. The Ammunition To Be Sent To Iraq Free Of Charge, Listed In A Government Decree Published In The Official Hungarian Gazette On Thursday, Will Include Several Million Cartridges, And Thousands Of Mines And Armor-Piercing Shell.”** “Hungary, as a member of the European Union and NATO, will send ammunition to Iraq to assist that country's armed forces in their fight against terrorism. The ammunition to be sent to Iraq free of charge, listed in a government decree published in the official Hungarian Gazette on Thursday, will include several million cartridges, and thousands of mines and armor-piercing shell. The consignment will not compromise Hungary's combat readiness. The Hungarian Government has earlier condemned violent acts against Christians in northern Iraq and voiced plans to send aid to the country in cooperation with the US. On Monday, the first contingent of a Hungarian aid package worth 70,000 euros arrived in Iraq's Erbil to support Christian communities and the authorities of Kurdistan.” [Hungarian Ministry of Defence, [8/22/14](#)]

**8/21/14: Hungarian Ministry Of Foreign Affairs And Trade: “[Minister Of State For Security Policy And International Cooperation Istvan Mikola] Told A Press Conference That The Humanitarian Aid Representing A Total Value Of 70,000 Euros Is Being Sent To People Most Affected By The Conflict In Northern Iraq, Especially Members Of Christian Communities And Other Religious Minorities Persecuted By Terrorists Of The Extremist Organisation Islamic State.”** “Around half of a Hungarian aid consignment to Iraq, primarily consisting of goods to cater for children, has arrived, Minister of State for security policy and international cooperation Istvan Mikola said on Tuesday. He told a press conference that the humanitarian aid representing a total value of 70,000 euros is being sent to people most affected by the conflict in northern Iraq, especially members of Christian communities and other religious minorities persecuted by terrorists of the extremist organisation Islamic State. Foreign ministry spokesperson Anna Nagy said it was the task of the ministry to prepare the aid packages and send them to Iraq. Mr Mikola said half of the aid had been delivered to the Kurdistan authorities and the local archdiocese. This included mostly medicine, infant nutrition and diapers, he said. The second half of the consignment is on its way and Hungarian civil organisations are expected to oversee the distribution of packages, he added. Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade Tibor Navracsics said on August 10 that the Hungarian government would provide 70,000 euros worth immediate aid to Christian communities in northern Iraq and the authorities in Kurdistan.” [Hungarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, [8/21/14](#)]

## Iraq

**9/19/14: Iraqi Foreign Affairs Minister Abraham Al-Jaafari: “Iraq Reaffirms Its Position To Face Up To Terrorism As An International Scourge That Should Be Eliminated. It Is Extremely Important For Coordination And Cooperation Amongst All Parties To Take Place. The Influx Of Terrorist Fighters From All Over The World To Establish This State Of ISIS Is A Great Danger Not Only To Iraq And Syria But To The Entire Region.”** “Iraq reaffirms its position to face up to terrorism as an international scourge that should be eliminated. It is extremely important for coordination and cooperation amongst all parties to take place. The influx of terrorist fighters from all over the world to establish this state of ISIS is a great danger not only to Iraq and Syria but to the entire region. Fighting those terrorists in Iraq, Mr. President, and sparing the Iraqi people their evils is in the interest of the entire world... We believe that the main responsibility to fight DASH and ISIS and other terrorist organizations on our territory is our responsibility, and the responsibility of the Iraqi armed forces and the peshmerga forces and the national guard as well. However, aerial support requires assistance by friendly nations.” [United Nations Security Council Holds A Meeting On Iraq, [9/19/14](#)]

**9/15/14: New York Times: “President Fuad Masum Of Iraq Urged World Powers On Monday To Take The Fight Against The Sunni Militants Who Have Occupied Much Of His Country To Neighboring Syria. ‘We Must Not Allow Them To Have Sanctuaries,’ Mr. Masum Said At The Opening Of An International Conference On Helping Iraq Respond To The Threat Posed By The Islamic State In Iraq And Syria, Or ISIS. ‘We Must Pursue Them Wherever They Are.’”** “President Fuad Masum of Iraq urged world powers on Monday to take the fight against the Sunni militants who have occupied much of his country to neighboring Syria. ‘We must not allow them to have sanctuaries,’ Mr. Masum said at the opening of an international conference on helping Iraq respond to the threat posed by the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria, or ISIS. ‘We must pursue them wherever they are.’ ... Mr. Masum’s appeal for broader military action against ISIS is not a new one for the Iraqi government, but it was significant that he made it in a gathering of 26 nations plus representatives of the United Nations, the European Union and the Arab League.” [New York Times, [9/15/14](#)]

**9/15/14: AP: “Speaking In His First Interview Since Becoming Iraqi Prime Minister, Haider Al-Abadi Told State-Run Al-Iraqiyya In Comments Aired Sunday That He Had Given Approvals To France To Use Iraqi Airspace And Said All Such Authorizations Would Have To Come From Baghdad.”** “Speaking in his first interview since becoming Iraqi prime minister, Haider al-Abadi told state-run al-Iraqiyya in comments aired Sunday that he had given approvals to France to use Iraqi airspace and said all such authorizations would have to come from Baghdad.” [Associated Press, [9/15/14](#)]

**9/15/14: Iraqi Foreign Affairs Minister Dr. Ibrahim Al-Jaafari: “This Conference Conveys A Clear Message, That They [The Participants] Are All Standing By Our Side ... That No Country Will Be Abandoned, That If It Is Attacked By Terrorists The Whole International Community Will Stand United.”** “Dr Ibrahim al-Jaafari, the Iraqi foreign affairs minister, thanked those taking part in the conference for their support, which he said would ‘alleviate the sufferings of all Iraqi people’. ‘This conference conveys a clear message, that they [the participants] are all standing by our side ... that no country will be abandoned, that if it is

attacked by terrorists the whole international community will stand united,' Jaafari said." [The Guardian, [9/15/14](#)]

**9/11/14: AFP: "‘Iraq Welcomes Obama's Strategy About Standing With It In Its War Against (IS) And The Terrorist Groups,’ Said The Office Of Prime Minister Haidar Al-Abadi.”** “The US announcement was praised by Baghdad, where a unity government was formed on Monday to address grievances that contributed to the rise of the brutal jihadists. ‘Iraq welcomes Obama's strategy about standing with it in its war against (IS) and the terrorist groups,’ said the office of Prime Minister Haidar al-Abadi.” [AFP, [9/11/14](#)]

**9/8/14: AP: “Speaking Before Parliament, [Prime Minister Haider] Al-Abadi Vowed To ‘Back The Military Operations In All The Areas Of Confrontation Against The Armed Gangs And The Forces Of Terrorism And Ensuring Their Continuation Till Victory Is Achieved.’”** “Iraq's parliament officially named Haider al-Abadi the country's new prime minister late Monday and approved most of his proposed Cabinet amid calls by the Arab League for its members to combat the Sunni militant group violently advancing across Iraq and Syria... Speaking before parliament, Al-Abadi vowed to ‘back the military operations in all the areas of confrontation against the armed gangs and the forces of terrorism and ensuring their continuation till victory is achieved.’” [AP, [9/8/14](#)]

**9/6/14: AFP: “US President Barack Obama's Plan For An International Anti-Jihadist Coalition Is A ‘Strong Message Of Support’ For Baghdad And Its Fight Against Militants, Iraqi Foreign Minister Hoshyar Zebari Said Saturday. ‘We Welcome That, And We Have Repeatedly Called On Our International Partners For Help And Support Because This Threat Is A Very Deadly Threat... Not Only To The People Of Iraq Or The Region, But To Europe, To America, To NATO,’ Zebari Told AFP.”** “US President Barack Obama's plan for an international anti-jihadist coalition is a ‘strong message of support’ for Baghdad and its fight against militants, Iraqi Foreign Minister Hoshyar Zebari said Saturday. ‘We welcome that, and we have repeatedly called on our international partners for help and support because this threat is a very deadly threat... not only to the people of Iraq or the region, but to Europe, to America, to NATO,’ Zebari told AFP. ‘This is basically our fight... but we need the support -- our capacity is limited, and we need the support to enhance our capacity,’ he said. ‘Nobody's thinking of any ground troops at this stage -- they are calling for air support, for tactical support, for arming the forces on the ground, like the (Kurdish) peshmerga, the Iraqi security forces, and also to provide... intelligence, reconnaissance,’ he added.” [AFP, [9/6/14](#)]

**9/1/14: AP: “The U.N.'s Top Human Rights Body On Monday Overwhelmingly Approved The Iraqi Government's Request For An Investigation Into Alleged Crimes Against Civilians Committed By The Islamic State Group In Its Rampage Across Northeastern Syria And Parts Of Iraq... Iraq's Human Rights Minister, Mohammed Shia' Al Sudani, [Said] Said His Country Needs The World's Support Because The Group ‘Is Not An Iraqi Phenomenon, It Is A Transnational Organization That Is An Imminent Danger For All Countries Of The World.’”** “The U.N.'s top human rights body on Monday overwhelmingly approved the Iraqi government's request for an investigation into alleged crimes against civilians committed by the Islamic State group in its rampage across northeastern Syria and parts of Iraq ... ‘We are facing a terrorist monster,’ Iraq's human rights minister, Mohammed Shia' Al Sudani,

said shortly before the vote. He said his country needs the world's support because the group 'is not an Iraqi phenomenon, it is a transnational organization that is an imminent danger for all countries of the world.' 'Their movement must be curbed. Their assets should be frozen and confiscated. Their military capacities must be destroyed,' he said." [Associated Press, [9/1/14](#)]

**6/18/14: Defense News: "The Iraqi Government Has Requested US Military Airstrikes To Help Combat Widespread Violence In Iraq, Led By The Islamic State Of Iraq And The Levant (ISIL), The Top American General Told Congress Wednesday... 'We Have A Request From The Iraqi Government For Airpower,' Dempsey Said."** "The Iraqi government has requested US military airstrikes to help combat widespread violence in Iraq, led by the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), the top American general told Congress Wednesday. Gen. Martin Dempsey, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, confirmed the request during a Senate Appropriations Defense subcommittee hearing when being questioned by Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C. 'We have a request from the Iraqi government for airpower,' Dempsey said.'" [Defense News, [6/18/14](#)]

## **Ireland**

### *Humanitarian*

**8/13/14: Irish Government News Service: "The Government Will Provide €250,000 To The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) And A Further €250,000 To The International Committee Of The Red Cross (ICRC) To Support Their Emergency Response Activities In Northern Iraq, Where Thousands Have Fled The Advances Of ISIS."** "The Government today announced funding of €500,000 in emergency response to the devastating conflict and unfolding humanitarian catastrophe in Iraq, with a focus on minority groups and vulnerable women and children. The Government will provide €250,000 to the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and a further €250,000 to the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) to support their emergency response activities in Northern Iraq, where thousands have fled the advances of ISIS. These include up to 30,000 minority Yazidi civilians displaced in the vicinity of Mount Sinjar and hundreds of thousands of internally displaced persons. The contribution to UNICEF will meet immediate life-saving needs of children and women at risk of violence, displacement, dehydration, and starvation. The funding provided to the ICRC will support provision of food and essential household items, as well as by improving the availability of water and health care." [Irish Government News Service, [8/13/14](#)]

**8/13/14: Ireland Foreign Affairs Minister Charlie Flanagan: "Ireland Condemns In The Strongest Possible Way Deliberate Attacks On Iraqi Civilians And Calls On All Parties To The Conflict To Ensure Safe Passage Of Displaced Populations And Delivery Of Humanitarian Assistance. In Addition To The €655,000 That Ireland Has Already Provided In Response To The Iraq Crisis This Year, This Further Funding Will Bring Vital Life Saving Assistance To Hundreds Of Thousands Of Iraqi Civilians Trapped By The Fighting."** "The plight of the most vulnerable – particularly, children, women and elderly people – is increasingly desperate and Ireland is doing all it can to provide urgent life-saving assistance. Children are the most at risk and worst affected by violence and displacement. Ireland condemns in the strongest possible way deliberate attacks on Iraqi civilians and calls on all parties to the conflict to ensure safe passage of displaced populations and delivery of

humanitarian assistance. In addition to the €655,000 that Ireland has already provided in response to the Iraq crisis this year, this further funding will bring vital life saving assistance to hundreds of thousands of Iraqi civilians trapped by the fighting. The humanitarian situation is worsening every day in Northern Iraq. There are approximately 200,000 people who are now in desperate need of assistance. I am particularly concerned about the plight of the Yazidi minority still trapped in the Sinjar mountains by the armed groups of ISIS.” [Irish Government News Service, [8/13/14](#)]

## Israel

**9/11/14: Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu: “These Groups Must Be Fought, They Must Be Rolled Back, And They Must Ultimately Be Defeated. That’s Why Israel Fully Supports President Obama’s Call For United Action Against ISIS. All Civilized Countries Should Stand Together In The Fight Against Radical Terrorism That Sweeps Across The Middle East.”** “These groups must be fought, they must be rolled back, and they must ultimately be defeated. That’s why Israel fully supports President Obama’s call for united action against ISIS. All civilized countries should stand together in the fight against radical terrorism that sweeps across the Middle East. And we are playing our part in this continued effort.” [Remarks at the 14th International Conference on Counter-Terrorism, [9/11/14](#)]

## Italy

**9/15/14: Italian Foreign Minister Federica Mogherini: “...Italy Has Decided To Send Arms, Munitions, And Above All Material For Humanitarian Support, Which Is A Priority... We Are All Agreed On The Need To Act Together, On The Sense Of Urgency: Act Quickly, Act Together.”** “Italy is sending arms and aid to Iraq against Islamic State (ISIS) but won't take part in air operations against the militants, Foreign Minister Federica Mogherini said after a Paris summit Monday. Asked if Italy would follow the first French reconnaissance planes joining the US air effort, Mogherini replied: ‘No, Italy has decided to send arms, munitions, and above all material for humanitarian support, which is a priority’. Islamic State (ISIS) poses ‘a global threat that knows no borders,’ Mogherini said. ‘We are all agreed on the need to act together, on the sense of urgency: act quickly, act together’, Italian Foreign Minister added.” [ANSA, [9/15/14](#)]

**9/11/14: AP: “Italy Is Offering Refueling Planes To Support Increased U.S. Airstrikes Against Islamic Militants Who Have Captured Large Swaths Of Syria And Iraq. Defense Minister Roberta Pinotti Told The Associated Press On Thursday That Italy Is One Of The Few Countries That Has Such Refueling Capabilities And Is Willing To Make Them Available Once A U.S.-European Plan Is Agreed On. She Said Italy Is Also Willing To Provide Experts To Help Train Kurdish Fighters.”** “Italy is offering refueling planes to support increased U.S. airstrikes against Islamic militants who have captured large swaths of Syria and Iraq. Defense Minister Roberta Pinotti told The Associated Press on Thursday that Italy is one of the few countries that has such refueling capabilities and is willing to make them available once a U.S.-European plan is agreed on. She said Italy is also willing to provide experts to help train Kurdish fighters. Already Italy has authorized 1.9 million euros' (\$2.5 million) worth of weaponry — 600 machine guns, 2,000 rocket-propelled grenades and nearly a million

rounds of ammunition — for Kurdish fighters. Pinotti said the weaponry has arrived in Baghdad and ‘we hope it will quickly get to the places where it can be used to defend the population.’” [Associated Press, [9/11/14](#)]

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**9/9/14: ANSA Rome: “Defence Minister Roberta Pinotti Said ISIS Represents A ‘New Terrorist Threat’ Not Just For Iraq And Syria But Also For Europe. Pinotti Stressed The Need To ‘Use All Means Available To Contain And Overcome This Threat’ And Said More Cooperation With Countries Like Turkey Was ‘Essential’ To Achieve This Goal.”** “Defence Minister Roberta Pinotti said ISIS represents a ‘new terrorist threat’ not just for Iraq and Syria but also for Europe. Pinotti stressed the need to ‘use all means available to contain and overcome this threat’ and said more cooperation with countries like Turkey was ‘essential’ to achieve this goal... Pinotti also said Italy is helping, along with other countries, both the Kurdish militiamen of Prime Minister Nechirvan Barzani and Baghdad's troops by providing ‘weapons, munitions, communication and intelligence’ and that such efforts will be intensified.” [ANSA Rome, [9/9/14](#)]

**9/3/14: Reuters: “Italy Should Be Able To Start Deliveries Of Weapons To Kurdish Forces By Next Week, Once Final Arrangements With Iraqi Authorities Are Completed, Defense Minister Roberta Pinotti Told Parliament On Wednesday... The Weapons, Including 200 Machine Guns And 2,000 Rocket Propelled Grenades As Well As 950,000 Rounds Of Ammunition Will Come From Both Its Own Surplus Military Stocks As Well As From Stocks Of Soviet-Made Weapons Confiscated During The Balkan Wars Of The 1990s.”** “Italy should be able to start deliveries of weapons to Kurdish forces by next week, once final arrangements with Iraqi authorities are completed, Defense Minister Roberta Pinotti told parliament on Wednesday. Along with other European countries, including Germany and France, Italy has agreed to send Kurdish forces a quantity of light weapons to use against Islamic State militants who have swept into northern Iraq. The weapons, including 200 machine guns and 2,000 rocket propelled grenades as well as 950,000 rounds of ammunition will come from both its own surplus military stocks as well as from stocks of Soviet-made weapons confiscated during the Balkan wars of the 1990s. Pinotti told a parliamentary committee hearing that logistical preparations were underway and deliveries, worth a total of 1.9 million euros (\$2.50 million), could begin by Sept. 10 once the final authorization had been received. She said additional forms of cooperation could be considered including transporting weapons provided by other countries.” [Reuters, [9/3/14](#)]

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**8/14/14: Government Of Italy: “An Italian Mission On Behalf Of The Populations Of Northern Iraq Was Approved By Foreign And Defence Ministers Mogherini And Pinotti. A 6-Flight Air Bridge Has Been Arranged Through UNICEF To Bring 36 Tonnes Of Water, 14 Tonnes Of Protein Biscuits, 200 Tents And 400 Sleeping Bags.”** “An Italian mission on behalf of the populations of northern Iraq was approved by Foreign and Defence Ministers Mogherini and Pinotti. A 6-flight air bridge has been arranged through UNICEF to bring 36 tonnes of water, 14 tonnes of protein biscuits, 200 tents and 400 sleeping bags. The Minister for Defence has made a C130J Air Force transport plane available, complete with crew and Army specialists. ‘The plane, which is already in the area, will be used to deliver the Italian Cooperation humanitarian aid to the displaced persons and refugees threatened by the Islamic State who have taken refuge in the UN camps in northern Iraq’, Ministers Mogherini and Pinotti explained. ‘A total of 50 tonnes of water and food supplies, in addition to 200 tents and 400 sleeping bags from the Italian WFP warehouse in Dubai are to be distributed’. The plan calls for two flights on 16 August, for a delivery of 20 tonnes of water and 8 of biscuits, another flight on 17 August (10 tonnes of water and 4 of biscuits), one on 18 August (6 tonnes water and 2 biscuits), a flight on 19 August (100 tents and 200 sleeping bags) and a final one on 20 August (100 tents and 200 sleeping bags).” [Government of Italy, [8/14/14](#)]

## Japan

### *Humanitarian*

**9/11/14: Wall Street Journal: “...Japan Said It Would Continue Offer To Humanitarian Assistance To The American-Led Campaign... ‘The Japanese Government Will Continue To Closely Coordinate With The United States And Other Countries, And Will Offer Its Support And Cooperation,’ Press Secretary Takako Ito Said.”** “...Japan said it would continue offer to humanitarian assistance to the American-led campaign. On Thursday, a Foreign Ministry spokeswoman said the Japanese government has been critical of every form of terrorism, including attacks by Islamic State insurgents in Syria and Iraq. ‘The Japanese government will continue to closely coordinate with the United States and other countries, and will offer its support and cooperation,’ press secretary Takako Ito said.” [Wall Street Journal, [9/11/14](#)]

**8/19/14: Office Of The United Nations High Commissioner For Refugees: “In Response To The Deteriorating Situation In Northern Iraq, UNHCR Launched This Week One Of Its Largest Aid Pushes Aimed At Helping Nearly Half A Million People Who Have Been Forced To Flee Their Homes... Support For This And Further Aid Deliveries Is Coming From The Kingdom Of Saudi Arabia, The US, The UK, Japan, Denmark, Kuwait, Luxembourg, Norway, Sweden And IKEA...”** “In response to the deteriorating situation in

northern Iraq, UNHCR launched this week one of its largest aid pushes aimed at helping nearly half a million people who have been forced to flee their homes... Included in the initial aid shipments are 3,300 tents, 20,000 plastic sheets, 18,500 kitchen sets, and 16,500 jerry cans. Support for this and further aid deliveries is coming from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the US, the UK, Japan, Denmark, Kuwait, Luxembourg, Norway, Sweden and IKEA - a UNHCR corporate partner.” [Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, [8/19/14](#)]

**6/27/14: Japanese Ministry Of Foreign Affairs: “On June 27, The Government Of Japan Decided To Extend Emergency Grant Aid Of 6 Million US Dollars (Approximately 582 Million Japanese Yen)... For Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) Affected By The Armed Conflict Between The Extremist Armed Groups And Iraqi Security And Its Military Forces In Cities Including Mosul City In Nineveh Province, Northern Iraq.”** “On June 27, the Government of Japan decided to extend Emergency Grant Aid of 6 million US dollars (approximately 582 million Japanese yen) through International Organizations, such as the World Food Programme (WFP), the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the International Organization for Migration (IOM), in order to support relief operations in the sectors of food, emergency shelter, health and medical treatment etc. for internally displaced persons (IDP) affected by the armed conflict between the extremist armed groups and Iraqi security and its military forces in cities including Mosul City in Nineveh Province, northern Iraq... In response to the international organizations’ call for support, and taking into the consideration the Japan’s continuous support for Iraq and the strengthening of bilateral relations, the Government of Japan decided to extend Emergency Grant Aid to Iraq.” [Japan Ministry of Foreign Affairs, [6/27/14](#)]

**6/19/14: Japanese Minister Of Foreign Affairs Fumio Kishida – Statement: “The Government Of Japan Is Deeply Concerned That Since June 10 Armed Insurgents, Centering On A Terrorist Organization, Have Been Employing Aggression To Occupy Cities In Northern Iraq, Including Mosul City, Resulting In Large Numbers Of Casualties... The Government Of Japan Strongly Condemns These Attacks By Armed Insurgents, And Continues To Support The Fight Of The Government Of Iraq And Its Citizens Against This Terrorist Organization.”** “1. The Government of Japan is deeply concerned that since June 10 armed insurgents, centering on a terrorist organization, have been employing aggression to occupy cities in Northern Iraq, including Mosul City, resulting in large numbers of casualties. 2. The Government of Japan strongly condemns these attacks by armed insurgents, and continues to support the fight of the Government of Iraq and its citizens against this terrorist organization. In addition, as one part of its support for Iraq, the Government of Japan is considering extending humanitarian aid via international organizations to displaced persons inside Iraq arising from this situation. 3. The Government of Japan welcomes the confirmation of the results of Iraq’s recent third parliamentary elections on June 16. Japan calls on all of Iraq’s political forces to cooperate in order to launch a new government promptly, based on the results of the elections. 4. The Government of Japan calls for Iraq to respect the rights of all citizens across all religious groups, and for national unity to be achieved through the formation of the new government. The Government of Japan also hopes that the people of Iraq will unite to overcome the current difficulties. 5. The Government of Japan continues to take thorough measures for protection of Japanese nationals.” [Japanese Minister Of Foreign Affairs Fumio Kishida – Statement, [6/19/14](#)]

**9/23/14: General Command of the Jordan Armed Forces: "...In The Early Hours At Dawn Today, A Number Of Royal Jordanian Air Force Fighters Destroyed A Number Of Selected Targets That Belong To Some Of The Terrorist Groups Which Have Been Sending Terrorist Elements To Carry Out Acts Of Sabotage Inside The Hashemite Kingdom Of Jordan. All Aircraft Returned To Base Safely. The Military Source Added That The JAF Would Not Hesitate To Send A Firm Message To These Groups In Their Dens If Such Attempts Were Repeated, And It Will Not Tolerate Any Threat To The Security Of The Borders. The Safety Of Jordanian Citizens Will Not Be Subject To Bargain And Compromise."** "The General Command of the Jordan Armed Forces issued a statement that said: "Despite the repeated warnings and the decisive action taken by the armed forces on the northern and eastern borders against infiltration attempts and the firing at military sites, and because of the commitment of the armed forces to protect the borders, we had hoped that the other party would control its borders. Unfortunately, border violations have increased significantly over the past two months, forcing the armed forces to implement air strikes on a number of sites controlled by some of the terrorist groups as launch pads for their operations against Jordanian territory. The source added that in the early hours at dawn today, a number of Royal Jordanian Air Force fighters destroyed a number of selected targets that belong to some of the terrorist groups which have been sending terrorist elements to carry out acts of sabotage inside the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. All aircraft returned to base safely. The military source added that the JAF would not hesitate to send a firm message to these groups in their dens if such attempts were repeated, and it will not tolerate any threat to the security of the borders. The safety of Jordanian citizens will not be subject to bargain and compromise." [General Command of the Jordan Armed Forces – Statement, [9/23/14](#)]

**9/19/14: Jordanian Foreign Affairs Minister Nasser Judeh: "The Security Council Resolution 2170 Laid The Groundwork In Order To Be Able To Globally Begin To Tackle All The Aspects Of This Danger, Especially Foreign Combatants And Financing Sources For International Organizations. In That Context, We Support The Idea Of A Security Council Meeting That Will Be Presided Over By President Barack Obama On Foreign Combatants, And We Further Endorse The Initiative Of Bahrain To Organize A Conference To Tackle The Issue Of Financing Sources For Terrorism. We Also Welcome The Statement, The Presidential Statement That Was Adopted By The Security Council."** "Excellencies, heads of delegations, and members of the Security Council, ladies and gentlemen, delegations, if I may at the outset, I would like to express our appreciation and our gratitude to the government of the United States of America represented here by the secretary of state, Mr. John Kerry. We would like to thank the United States for their initiative of convening and presiding over this very important Security Council meeting on preserving international peace and security... Today, the world is facing an imminent danger. This is an unprecedented danger, with its savagery and its capacity to bleed society, to take advantage of political and security vacuums, and to leverage problems of national unity within states for their own purposes, for political reasons, or due to disenfranchisement or polarization of religion or otherwise in order to use their own military and economic situation, and they have the organization we know today. This situation might further unravel if the international community doesn't immediately react in a determining manner and in an active manner. The Security Council Resolution 2170 laid the groundwork in order to be able to globally begin to tackle all the aspects of this danger,

especially foreign combatants and financing sources for international organizations. In that context, we support the idea of a Security Council meeting that will be presided over by President Barack Obama on foreign combatants, and we further endorse the initiative of Bahrain to organize a conference to tackle the issue of financing sources for terrorism. We also welcome the statement, the presidential statement that was adopted by the Security Council.” [United Nations Security Council Holds A Meeting On Iraq, [9/19/14](#)]

**9/19/14: Jordanian Foreign Affairs Minister Nasser Judeh: “In Jordan, And His Majesty The King Are Working To Help Contain Extremism And Terrorism, And We Are Working Specifically On Strangling The Sources Of Financing. We Are Devoting Our Know-How And Energies To Grapple With The Issue Of Extremism, And We Are Also Doing This Through Our Efforts In The Security Council To Face Terrorism And Extremism And To Promote Dialogue Amongst Various Faiths, Ethnic Groups, And Religions, And To Try And Promote Better Understanding Of The Noble Religion Of Islam.”** “Jordan stands by Iraq's side in its effort to promote stability and security and to preserve its territorial integrity. We encourage all Iraqi political forces to participate in an inclusive political process and to participate in the decision-making process and preserve the unity of the Iraqi people and promote national understanding. In Jordan, and his majesty the king are working to help contain extremism and terrorism, and we are working specifically on strangling the sources of financing. We are devoting our know-how and energies to grapple with the issue of extremism, and we are also doing this through our efforts in the Security Council to face terrorism and extremism and to promote dialogue amongst various faiths, ethnic groups, and religions, and to try and promote better understanding of the noble religion of Islam. I would like to recall the letter of Armand (ph), which, for a decade now and after many conferences in this context, we have been working in this direction. We are all concerned by having to fight extremism and the fight in its different manifestations and different organizations. We actively participate in regional and international efforts to combat terrorism and deal with terrorism and extremism. This is based on our very clear and sincere position against terrorism, which targets us and which in the past has committed crimes on our lands and against our people. Thus, restoring peace and security and stability in the sister nation of Iraq directly concerns our own security.” [United Nations Security Council Holds A Meeting On Iraq, [9/19/14](#)]

**6/24/14: King Abdullah II Of Jordan: “The Crisis In Syria Has Shown That Transnational Terrorists Have No Regards For Borders As Well As The Challenge That We Face When Those Terrorist Organisations, Or Those Extremists, Return Back To Their Host Countries.”** “The crisis in Syria has shown that transnational terrorists have no regards for borders as well as the challenge that we face when those terrorist organisations, or those extremists, return back to their host countries. Obviously, we have seen that effect in Iraq also. So, these are part of the discussions we will have today.” [Jordan Times, [6/24/14](#)]

## **Kosovo**

**9/12/14: Prime Minister Of Kosovo Hashim Thaci: “President Obama Laid Out The Plan For The Destruction Of ISIS Terrorists That Means Action Against Members Of This Group But Also Humanitarian Aid For People In Iraq And Syria. Kosovo Is Part Of This Emerging Global Alliance To Fight A Great Evil.”** “Kosovo will help US to destroy ISIS

Kosovo's Prime Minister Hashim Thaci said that his country will give its contribution to destroy radical group ISIS-in, which is operating in the Middle East. 'President Obama laid out the plan for the destruction of ISIS terrorists that means action against members of this group but also humanitarian aid for people in Iraq and Syria. Kosovo is part of this emerging global alliance to fight a great evil,' Thaci wrote on Facebook. The head of government added that Kosovo is working to prevent its citizens to take part in these conflicts." [Albeu.com, [9/12/14](#)]

## Kuwait

### *Humanitarian*

**7/9/14: United Nations Office For The Coordination Of Humanitarian Affairs: "The United Nations Office For The Coordination Of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) Today Welcomed The Generous Contribution Of US\$9.5 Million From The State Of Kuwait To UN Humanitarian Agencies And The International Organization For Migration (IOM) Responding To The Deteriorating Humanitarian Crisis In Iraq."** "The United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) today welcomed the generous contribution of US\$9.5 million from the State of Kuwait to UN humanitarian agencies and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) responding to the deteriorating humanitarian crisis in Iraq. An additional \$500,000 from Kuwait has been allocated to the Kuwait Red Crescent Society and the International Islamic Charity Organisation. 'The State of Kuwait's timely contribution of \$10 million for humanitarian aid to Iraq is welcome and will help us scale up our efforts to provide aid to displaced families and host communities,' said Valerie Amos, the United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator." [United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, [7/9/14](#)]

## Lebanon

**9/21/14: The Daily Star: "Lebanon Has Politically Participated In This Coalition Because It Is Fighting ISIS On Its Land, And We Are In Heart Of The Battle,' [Lebanese Foreign Minister Gebran] Bassil Told A Crowd From The Lebanese Community In Los Angeles."** "Lebanon's role in the international coalition against ISIS is not to send troops or weapons but to receive military help to fight the organization through the Army, Foreign Minister Gebran Bassil said over the weekend. 'Lebanon has politically participated in this coalition because it is fighting ISIS on its land, and we are in heart of the battle,' Bassil told a crowd from the Lebanese community in Los Angeles. 'Lebanon takes and does not give, because we do not own weapons or jets to contribute with in the attacks on ISIS.' ... 'To sum up, Lebanon will not be an attack base for foreign powers ... or a path for their planes,' he said. 'For the battle is on our land, and whoever wants to help could support our Army and we can do the job.' The minister stressed the importance of the cultural fight against the extremist ideology of ISIS, saying the only way to confront it was through supporting 'Islamic moderation.'" [The Daily Star, [9/21/14](#)]

**9/16/14: Lebanese Forces Chief Samir Geagea: "I Am Totally With Lebanon Entering This Western-Arab Alliance That Is Taking Shape Now To Confront ISIS, Within Its Capacities, Because Lebanon Is One Of The Parties That Will Benefit Very Much From The Group's Elimination."** "Lebanese Forces chief Samir Geagea Tuesday welcomed the

creation of an international coalition against ISIS, stressing the importance of Lebanon's participation in the alliance against the jihadists jeopardizing regional security. In comments made to daily Al-Akhbar, Geagea also expressed surprise at Hezbollah's stance opposing such a coalition, 'though it was the first to raise its voice out loud calling for cooperation between all Lebanese against the group [ISIS].' 'I am totally with Lebanon entering this Western-Arab alliance that is taking shape now to confront ISIS, within its capacities, because Lebanon is one of the parties that will benefit very much from the group's elimination,' Geagea said. 'We have to be totally mobilized in support of this coalition, because it will spare Lebanon a direct confrontation with ISIS.'" [The Daily Star, [9/16/14](#)]

## **Lithuania**

**9/19/14: The U.S. State Department Included Lithuania On A List Of Contributors To Global Anti-ISIL Efforts.** "A Global Effort to Support Iraq and to Defeat ISIL: The breadth and diversity of countries and organizations making contributions across one or more of the lines of effort demonstrate the global and unified nature of this fight. Below are some of the partners that have made contributions and commitments to date. This is an ongoing effort, and we expect the number of countries to grow....Lithuania..." [U.S. State Department – Media Note, [9/19/14](#)]

## **Luxembourg**

### *Humanitarian*

**9/19/14: Luxembourg Minister Of Foreign Affairs Jean Asselborn: "We Support The Commitment Of The Coalition Launched By The United States At The Request Of The Iraqi Authorities And With The Active Support Of The Countries Of The Region. We Must Also Step Up Our Efforts Terms Of Humanitarian Assistance And For Protections Of Civilians."** "In the face of these crimes, and in the face of extremism of this terrorist group which is neither a state nor Islamic. In the face of this terrorist group which seeks to destabilize Iraq and the entire region, the international community must act. It must take the necessary measures to help the Iraqi authorities to fight the scourge of ISIL and to end the suffering it inflicts on men, women and children in Iraq. We know what these measures are because we have debated them right here in the United Nations. On the 15th of August, we adopted Resolution 2170 in order to impose sanctions on ISIL and to cut off its sources of financing. Next week, as part of the global antiterrorist strategy, we will adopt a new resolution to counter this threat posed by foreign terrorist fighters. It goes without saying that we must act with a level of security to counter and delete the terrorist threat. We support the commitment of the coalition launched by the United States at the request of the Iraqi authorities and with the active support of the countries of the region. We must also step up our efforts terms of humanitarian assistance and for protections of civilians. We must strengthen the actions of the United Nations to alleviate the suffering of the Iraqi people. For its part, Luxembourg is providing financial support for the World Food Program and to the HGR's (ph) operations to help displaced persons." [United Nations Security Council Holds A Meeting On Iraq, [9/19/14](#)]

**8/19/14: Office of The United Nations High Commissioner For Refugees: "Included In The Initial Aid Shipments [To Iraq] Are 3,300 Tents, 20,000 Plastic Sheets, 18,500 Kitchen Sets,**

**And 16,500 Jerry Cans. Support For This And Further Aid Deliveries Is Coming From The Kingdom Of Saudi Arabia, The US, The UK, Japan, Denmark, Kuwait, Luxembourg, Norway, Sweden And IKEA - A UNHCR Corporate Partner.**” “In response to the deteriorating situation in northern Iraq, UNHCR launched this week one of its largest aid pushes aimed at helping nearly half a million people who have been forced to flee their homes... Included in the initial aid shipments are 3,300 tents, 20,000 plastic sheets, 18,500 kitchen sets, and 16,500 jerry cans. Support for this and further aid deliveries is coming from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the US, the UK, Japan, Denmark, Kuwait, Luxembourg, Norway, Sweden and IKEA - a UNHCR corporate partner.” [Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, [8/19/14](#)]

## **Macedonia**

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## **Malta**

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## **Mexico**

**9/19/14: The U.S. State Department Included Mexico On A List Of Contributors To Global Anti-ISIL Efforts.** “A Global Effort to Support Iraq and to Defeat ISIL: The breadth and diversity of countries and organizations making contributions across one or more of the lines of effort demonstrate the global and unified nature of this fight. Below are some of the partners that have made contributions and commitments to date. This is an ongoing effort, and we expect the number of countries to grow....Mexico...” [U.S. State Department – Media Note, [9/19/14](#)]

**9/16/14: Government Of Mexico: “On Behalf Of The Mexican Government, The Foreign Ministry Condemns The Executions Of Two U.S. Citizens And One British Citizen By The Islamic State Of Iraq And Syria (ISIS) Extremist Group...”** “On behalf of the Mexican government, the Foreign Ministry condemns the executions of two U.S. citizens and one British citizen by the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) extremist group and extends its sympathy and condolences to the people and government of the United States and the United Kingdom and to the families of the victims of these heinous crimes.” [Government of Mexico, [9/16/14](#)]

## Moldova

**9/19/14: The U.S. State Department Included Moldova On A List Of Contributors To Global Anti-ISIL Efforts.** “A Global Effort to Support Iraq and to Defeat ISIL: The breadth and diversity of countries and organizations making contributions across one or more of the lines of effort demonstrate the global and unified nature of this fight. Below are some of the partners that have made contributions and commitments to date. This is an ongoing effort, and we expect the number of countries to grow....Moldova...” [U.S. State Department – Media Note, [9/19/14](#)]

## Morocco

**9/19/14: The U.S. State Department Included Morocco On A List Of Contributors To Global Anti-ISIL Efforts.** “A Global Effort to Support Iraq and to Defeat ISIL: The breadth and diversity of countries and organizations making contributions across one or more of the lines of effort demonstrate the global and unified nature of this fight. Below are some of the partners that have made contributions and commitments to date. This is an ongoing effort, and we expect the number of countries to grow....Morocco...” [U.S. State Department – Media Note, [9/19/14](#)]

## Netherlands

**9/10/14: NL Times: “The Cabinet Is In Discussions With The United States About How The Netherlands Can Contribute To The International Coalition In The Fight Against The Terrorist Movement Islamic State (IS). Ministers Timmermans (Foreign Affairs) And Hennis (Defense) Wrote To The Second Chamber That All Options Are Being Considered. According To The Ministers, The United States Welcomes The Netherlands’ Willingness To Form Part Of The Coalition.”** “The Cabinet is in discussions with the United States about how the Netherlands can contribute to the international coalition in the fight against the terrorist movement Islamic State (IS). Ministers Timmermans (Foreign Affairs) and Hennis (Defense) wrote to the Second Chamber that all options are being considered. According to the Ministers, the United States welcomes the Netherlands’ willingness to form part of the coalition. The Ministers also wrote that the nine countries that are now part of the coalition were approached first by the United States for practical reasons, NOS.nl reports. These countries are Australia, Canada, Denmark, Germany, France, Italy, Poland, Turkey and the United Kingdom.” [NL Times, [9/10/14](#)]

**9/5/14: Prime Minister of the Netherlands Mark Rutte: “The International Community Agrees That The Barbaric Actions Of ISIS Must Be Stopped... Tackling ISIS Is A Long-Term Undertaking.”** “The approach towards Islamic State (ISIS) was also discussed at the summit. ‘The international community agrees that the barbaric actions of ISIS must be stopped,’ said Mr Rutte. To this end, the prime minister believes that a broad coalition is needed, whose members include international organisations and countries in the region. This approach is in line with that of the United States, Mr Rutte noted. In the prime minister’s view, an international coalition will need to develop a broad, long-term strategy across various spheres: political, military and humanitarian. ‘Tackling ISIS is a long-term undertaking,’ he said. The US also wishes to build the broadest possible coalition, which will be shaped further in the period ahead. The Minister of Foreign Affairs, Frans Timmermans and defence minister Jeanine Hennis-

Plasschaert discussed this issue with their American colleagues at the summit.” [Government of the Netherlands, [9/5/14](#)]

**9/5/14: Government of the Netherlands: “The Netherlands Is Already Contributing To The Cross-Border Fight Against ISIS, Providing Kurdish Forces With 1,000 Helmets And 1,000 Bulletproof Vests For Instance... Finally, The Netherlands Has Agreed, At Germany’s Request, To Transport Arms And Ammunition, As Announced By The Prime Minister During The Summit’s Closing Press Conference.”** “The Netherlands is already contributing to the cross-border fight against ISIS, providing Kurdish forces with 1,000 helmets and 1,000 bulletproof vests for instance. The Dutch are also contributing humanitarian financial aid and a rule of law programme to Syria, for which €6 million has been set aside. Finally, the Netherlands has agreed, at Germany’s request, to transport arms and ammunition, as announced by the prime minister during the summit’s closing press conference.” [Government of the Netherlands, [9/5/14](#)]

**8/27/14: Government of the Netherlands: “Lilianne Ploumen, Minister For Foreign Trade And Development Cooperation, Is Providing More Support For The Stricken Population Of Northern Iraq. In Total, €6.5 Million Euros Will Be Donated For Various Forms Of Emergency Aid... The Government Has Made Around €8 Million Available For Aid To Those Who Have Fled The Violence And Persecution By The IS In Northern Iraq.”**

“Lilianne Ploumen, Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation, is providing more support for the stricken population of northern Iraq. In total, €6.5 million euros will be donated for various forms of emergency aid. Some will be earmarked for mine clearance. ‘The Islamic State (IS) laid different types of explosive devices over a very large area,’ the Minister said. ‘Now that they have left, the population wants to return home. That makes sense, but it entails a great risk to life. So it’s crucial to quickly clear the mines from that area and also to make the population aware of the enormous risks.’ The work will be carried out by the UK’s Mines Advisory Group (MAG) and the Belgian organisation Handicap International. MAG has been working in northern Iraq for 22 years. Besides clearing mines, it runs information campaigns for refugees and local people. In total, the Netherlands is making €1.5 million available for these activities. A total of €5 million is being donated to the Red Cross, which will provide aid like blankets, jerry cans and cooking equipment to the displaced via sister organisations in Kurdistan and Iraq... In total, the government has made around €8 million available for aid to those who have fled the violence and persecution by the IS in northern Iraq.” [Government of the Netherlands, [8/27/14](#)]

**8/18/14: Government of the Netherlands: “A Fully-Loaded C-130 Hercules Transport Aircraft Has Just Taken Off From Eindhoven Air Base. The Royal Netherlands Air Force (RNLAf) Aircraft Is Taking Blankets, LED Lamps And Emergency Food Supplies To Northern Iraq.”** “A fully-loaded C-130 Hercules transport aircraft has just taken off from Eindhoven Air Base. The Royal Netherlands Air Force (RNLAf) aircraft is taking blankets, LED lamps and emergency food supplies to Northern Iraq. The aid supplies are meant for the tens of thousands of Yazidi refugees and other displaced people in the region. The RNLAf will hand over the relief goods to a UN organisation at Erbil International Airport. This organisation is responsible for coordinating the emergency aid and for the further distribution.” [Government of the Netherlands, [8/18/14](#)]

**8/18/14: Government of the Netherlands: “The Government Is To Provide Emergency Assistance To The Yazidis And Other Displaced Persons In Distress In Northern Iraq.**

**With Help From Australia, Aid Supplies Will Be Airdropped In The Sinjar Mountains, Where Thousands Of Families Have Taken Refuge From IS (ISIS) Persecution.”** “The government is to provide emergency assistance to the Yazidis and other displaced persons in distress in northern Iraq. With help from Australia, aid supplies will be airdropped in the Sinjar mountains, where thousands of families have taken refuge from IS (ISIS) persecution. ‘Anyone who has read the reports and seen the images knows the situation is simply tragic. The people are trapped. More help is needed,’ said Lilianne Ploumen, Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation. The aid supplies will cost around €1 million. They will be loaded on to a KDC-10 transport aircraft of the Royal Netherlands Air Force and flown to the United Arab Emirates, where they will be transferred to Australian aircraft, which will drop them over the Sinjar mountains. ‘The armed forces are on standby 24/7, and it is good that we can make a difference together with our esteemed Australian colleagues,’ said Minister of Defence Jeanine Hennis-Plasschaert. The Netherlands has coordinated its contribution with international partners to ensure that it will help alleviate the most immediate distress. This is the second time in a week that the government is taking action to help the people of northern Iraq. Last weekend €400,000 was made available to the Red Cross for emergency aid.” [Government of the Netherlands, [8/18/14](#)]

## **New Zealand**

**8/28/14: Government Of New Zealand: “Foreign Minister Murray McCully Today Announced That New Zealand Will Provide \$500,000 To Support Humanitarian Efforts By The United Nations Refugee Agency (UNHCR) In Iraq. ‘The Situation In Iraq Has Worsened Dramatically Since The Islamic State Of Iraq And The Levant (ISIL) Began Their Offensive,’ Mr McCully Says.”** “Foreign Minister Murray McCully today announced that New Zealand will provide \$500,000 to support humanitarian efforts by the United Nations Refugee Agency (UNHCR) in Iraq. ‘The situation in Iraq has worsened dramatically since the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) began their offensive,’ Mr McCully says. ‘ISIL’s actions deserve the strongest condemnation. We have been appalled by the loss of life, displacement of civilians and the widespread abuses of human rights. ‘It is estimated that around 17 million people, or half the population of Iraq, are affected by the ongoing violence, and more than a million people have been forced to leave their homes in the last two months alone. ‘UNHCR are providing shelter and emergency relief items to refugees and internally displaced people. ‘The funding announced today is in addition to the \$500,000 New Zealand provided to UNHCR in June and brings our total contribution to the current crisis in Iraq to \$1 million.’” [Government of New Zealand, [8/28/14](#)]

## **Norway**

### *Humanitarian*

**9/5/14: United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO): “Over The Next Few Days 10 Further Aid Flights Will Be Arriving In Erbil... The New Airlift, Supported By The People And Government Of Norway, Will Bring Close To 40,000 Blankets, 10,000 Kitchen Sets, And Almost 18,000 Plastic Tarpaulins/Sheets.”** “In Iraq, the major aid operation launched on 20 August for almost half a million displaced people has continued to push forward. Over the next few days 10 further aid flights will be arriving in Erbil.

Despite this ongoing work, pressure on accommodation remains acute. Many schools are still being used to house the displaced. In addition, there is urgent need to reinforce tents and other housing in preparation for the coming winter. Over the past week, aid has continued to flow in by plane, ship and road, being distributed across Iraq. The new airlift, supported by the people and government of Norway, will bring close to 40,000 blankets, 10,000 kitchen sets, and almost 18,000 plastic tarpaulins/sheets. Already, since mid-June, UNHCR and its partners have provided more than 100,000 mattresses, 10,000 family tents, and 40,000 water jugs (jerry cans) and tens of thousands of other essential items for some of the estimated 850,000 people who have fled into Iraq's northern Kurdistan region.” [United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation, [9/5/14](#)]

**8/15/14: Wall Street Journal: “Norway's Government Said Friday It Would Contribute A C-130J Super Hercules Transport Aircraft To Deliver Humanitarian Aid To The Self-Governed Iraqi Region Of Kurdistan... ‘We Want To Be Prepared To Contribute. That's Why We'll Make Available A C-130J Transport Aircraft To Transport The Necessary Humanitarian Aid At Short Notice,’ Said Norway's Minister Of Defense Ine Eriksen Søreide.”** “Norway's government said Friday it would contribute a C-130J Super Hercules transport aircraft to deliver humanitarian aid to the self-governed Iraqi region of Kurdistan, but said it wouldn't provide any military aid, such as troops, weapons or weapons transport. ‘We want to be prepared to contribute. That's why we'll make available a C-130J transport aircraft to transport the necessary humanitarian aid at short notice,’ said Norway's Minister of Defense Ine Eriksen Søreide.” [Wall Street Journal, [8/15/14](#)]

## **Oman**

**9/13/14: Oman Ministry Of Foreign Affairs: “It Is About The Stability Of The Region. No One Can Afford To Neglect A Situation As Serious As This And The General Agreement In Riyadh Is To Work As Fast As Possible To End IS Threat. We Are All Confident We Will Achieve This.”** “The Sultanate of Oman has vowed to play its part in the battle against Islamic State (IS) saying 'no one can afford to neglect a situation as serious as this. ‘It is about the stability of the region. No one can afford to neglect a situation as serious as this and the general agreement in Riyadh is to work as fast as possible to end IS threat. We are all confident we will achieve this,’ the Ministry of Foreign Affairs quoted in a statement. The Omani foreign ministry official assured the alliance was ‘serious on the action plan’ and it would be implemented in due course.” [Times of Oman, [9/13/14](#)]

## **Poland**

**9/16/14: Polskie Radio: “[Poland] Intends To Politically Support The Coalition And Organize Humanitarian Aid,’ Said MOD Head Tomasz Siemoniak, On Friday.”** ““Poland does not envisage participation of its soldiers in military operations, though it intends to politically support the coalition and organize humanitarian aid,’ said MOD head Tomasz Siemoniak, on Friday ... Though the government in Warsaw says it will not be taking part in air strikes or sending troops into battle, General Roman Polko, former commander of GROM - Poland's flagship special forces unit, draws attention to president Obama's declaration that the United States will stand at the helm of a broad international coalition, the aim of which will be completely eradicating the Islamic State. ‘Whether we like it or not, we will be engaged in this

coalition, because in 2015 Poland is to assume the command of NATO special forces,’ General Polko argues, adding that he cannot imagine this kind of operation without making use of the best possible tool such as special forces.” [Polskie Radio, [9/16/14](#)]

## Portugal

**9/19/14: The U.S. State Department Included Portugal On A List Of Contributors To Global Anti-ISIL Efforts.** “A Global Effort to Support Iraq and to Defeat ISIL: The breadth and diversity of countries and organizations making contributions across one or more of the lines of effort demonstrate the global and unified nature of this fight. Below are some of the partners that have made contributions and commitments to date. This is an ongoing effort, and we expect the number of countries to grow....Portugal...” [U.S. State Department – Media Note, [9/19/14](#)]

## Qatar

**9/16/14: Reuters: “Qatar Has Issued A New Law To Regulate Charities In The Gulf State Amid Growing Concern In The West Over Funding Received By Islamic State Militants...The U.S. Has Expressed Concern Over Funds Flowing From Arab States To Islamic State Militants, Who Have Seized Large Swathes Of Syria And Iraq, And Have Urged Countries To Tighten Rules Preventing Individuals From Sending Them Money.”** “Qatar has issued a new law to regulate charities in the Gulf state amid growing concern in the West over funding received by Islamic State militants. Local media said the Qatari ruler, Emir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, approved the law on Monday aimed at charity organisations involved in politics, as well as those that sent money abroad or received foreign financing. The Peninsula, an English language newspaper in Doha, said charities that defied the regulators could be shut down. Those violating the law also faced up to three years in jail and a 100,000 Qatar riyal (\$27,464) fine, it said. The U.S. has expressed concern over funds flowing from Arab states to Islamic State militants, who have seized large swathes of Syria and Iraq, and have urged countries to tighten rules preventing individuals from sending them money.” [Reuters, [9/16/14](#)]

**9/7/14: Kuwait News Agency: “Six Qatari Aircraft Carrying 300 Tons Of Humanitarian Aid Arrived In Iraqi Cities Of Irbil And Sulaimaniyah, As Well As In Amman, Jordan, To Help The Iraqi People, Official News Agency Reported Sunday.”** “Six Qatari aircraft carrying 300 tons of humanitarian aid arrived in Iraqi cities of Irbil and Sulaimaniyah, as well as in Amman, Jordan, to help the Iraqi people, official news agency reported Sunday. The Qatari aid, sent upon instructions of Amir Sheikh Tamim Bin Hamad Al-Thani to help alleviate the suffering of Iraqi people, were delivered over the past three days by Lakhwiya search and rescue team, according to QNA. The aid include tents, blankets, food, and medical items for diabetic people and those suffering from cardiovascular diseases, in addition to antibiotics.” [Kuwait News Agency (KUNA), [9/7/14](#)]

**8/24/14: Qatari Foreign Minister Dr. Khalid Bin Mohamed Al-Attiyah: “Qatar Does Not Support Extremist Groups, Including ISIS, In Any Way. We Are Repelled By Their Views, Their Violent Methods And Their Ambitions.”** “Qatar yesterday condemned the Islamic State’s ‘barbaric’ murder of US journalist James Foley and flatly rejected accusations of giving financial support to the militant group. HE the Foreign Minister Dr Khalid bin Mohamed al-

Attiyah's comments came a day after the German government apologised for remarks by a minister accusing Qatar of financing Islamic State militants. HE al-Attiyah described the recent comments as ill-informed. 'Qatar does not support extremist groups, including ISIS, in any way. We are repelled by their views, their violent methods and their ambitions,' he said in a statement released in London. 'The vision of extremist groups for the region is one that we have not, nor will ever, support in any way.' ... He urged the Iraqi government to provide safety and security for its citizens and vowed that Qatar would continue to provide humanitarian aid to the Iraqi people." [Reuters, [8/24/14](#)]

## Republic of Korea

### *Humanitarian*

**8/20/14: Korea Herald/Yonhap: "South Korea's Foreign Ministry Said Wednesday It Has Decided To Provide An Additional US\$1 Million In Humanitarian Aid To Help Iraqi Refugees Amid Escalating Violence In The Country... The Korean Government Earlier Provided \$200,000 In Humanitarian Assistance."** "South Korea's foreign ministry said Wednesday it has decided to provide an additional US\$1 million in humanitarian aid to help Iraqi refugees amid escalating violence in the country. The humanitarian crisis has heightened in northern Iraq since Sunni Muslim insurgents from the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) seized Iraq's second-biggest city of Mosul in June. The United States began to carry out air strikes on the Islamic extremist group on Aug. 8. Seoul's foreign ministry said it has decided to support the international community's efforts to provide humanitarian aid to displaced Iraqis. Around 1.2 million people have been displaced by the terrorist group since June, it added. The Korean government earlier provided \$200,000 in humanitarian assistance." [Korea Herald/Yonhap, [8/20/14](#)]

## Romania

**9/3/14: Romanian Ministry Of Foreign Affairs: "By Its Actions, ISIL Poses A Direct Threat To The Entire Euro-Atlantic Community And To Middle Eastern States, Where It Is Operating At Present...Romania Will Continue To Contribute To International Community Efforts To Combat International Terrorism And The ISIL Phenomenon. The International Community Must Take All Necessary Steps To Support The Middle Eastern Nations' Legitimate Aspirations To Stability And Development."** "The Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs is watching the events in Syria and Iraq very carefully from the perspective of the abominable acts of terror committed by the self-proclaimed 'Islamic State' (ISIL). By its actions, ISIL poses a direct threat to the entire Euro-Atlantic community and to Middle Eastern states, where it is operating at present. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs uncompromisingly rejects the modus operandi consisting of assassinating innocent people – civilians, journalists - in the name of a so-called ideology of extremist terrorists that can under no circumstances be justified. The people responsible for such criminal acts must be identified and brought to justice. From this point of view, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs most seriously condemns the assassination of journalist Steven Sotloff by ISIL. In this context, Minister of Foreign Affairs Titus Corlăţean pays homage to all journalists who, regardless of the risks that they are facing, sometimes even paying with their lives, choose to do their job in conflict zones to inform the public on the

dangerous and destabilizing turn of events at the global and regional level. Romania will continue to contribute to international community efforts to combat international terrorism and the ISIL phenomenon. The international community must take all necessary steps to support the Middle Eastern nations' legitimate aspirations to stability and development.” [Government of Romania, [9/3/14](#)]

**8/21/14: Romanian Minister Of Foreign Affairs Titus Corlăţean: “Such Barbaric Acts Must Be Condemned By The Entire International Community And Their Perpetrators Must Be Prosecuted.”** “Minister of Foreign Affairs Titus Corlăţean expresses indignation with the decapitation execution of American journalist James Foley by the terrorist group that calls itself ‘Islamic State.’ Minister Titus Corlăţean condemns this act of terrorism in the strongest terms: ‘Such acts of extreme violence are a blatant violation of fundamental human rights and liberties, as well as a brutal attack on the journalist profession. It is unacceptable that journalists constitute targets during armed conflicts and become casualties during the exercise of their profession. And it is so much more serious when they fall victim to extremist manifestations. Such barbaric acts must be condemned by the entire international community and their perpetrators must be prosecuted.’” [Government of Romania, [8/21/14](#)]

## **Saudi Arabia**

**9/23/14: Saudi Press Agency: “The Official Source Has Stated That The Saudi Royal Air Forces Have Participated In The Military Operations In Syria Against ‘Daash.’ In A Statement To Saudi Press Agency (SPA), The Source Added That The Operations Came For Supporting The Syrian Moderate Opposition Within The Framework Of The International Coalition For Combating Terrorism In Order To Support The Syrian People For Restoring Security, Unity And Development Of This Devastated Country.”** “The official source has stated that the Saudi Royal Air Forces have participated in the military operations in Syria against ‘Daash.’ In a statement to Saudi Press Agency (SPA), the source added that the operations came for supporting the Syrian moderate opposition within the framework of the international coalition for combating terrorism in order to support the Syrian people for restoring security, unity and development of this devastated country.” [Saudi Press Agency, [9/23/14](#)]

**9/17/14: Council of Senior Scholars Statement: “...Terrorism Is A Heinous Crime, Injustice And Aggression Rejected By Sharia And Instinct In All Its Forms, And Its Perpetrator Deserves Deterrent Punishment According To The Provisions Of Islamic Sharia, The Requirements Of Maintaining Its Authority, And The Prohibition Of Disobedience To The Ruler... The Council Of Senior Scholars Supports What Is Being Done By The State To Track Those Who Belong To The Groups Of Terrorism And Criminality And Detected Them, Such As Daash (ISIS), Al-Qaeda, The Houthis, So-Called Hezbollah, Or Belong To Foreign Political Loyalties To Protect The Country And People From Their Evils And Ward Off The Sedition, And Everyone Should Cooperate In Eliminating This Serious Matter Because This Cooperation Is From Righteousness And Piety.”** “In light of the above mentioning, the Council decided the following: First: Terrorism is a heinous crime, injustice and aggression rejected by Sharia and instinct in all its forms, and its perpetrator deserves deterrent punishment according to the provisions of Islamic Sharia, the requirements of maintaining its authority, and the prohibition of disobedience to the Ruler.

Muslim youth shall have insight into things, and not follow corrupt phrases and slogans raised to disperse the nation and instigate it on corruption, and they are in fact not from religion, but they are fabricated by ignorant and malevolent people. The texts of Sharia include penalties for those who commit such acts, the need to deter them and refer them to the judiciary. Second: The Council of Senior Scholars supports what is being done by the State to track those who belong to the groups of terrorism and criminality and detected them, such as Daash (ISIS), Al-Qaeda, the Houthis, so-called Hezbollah, or belong to foreign political loyalties to protect the country and people from their evils and ward off the sedition, and everyone should cooperate in eliminating this serious matter because this cooperation is from righteousness and piety. The Council warns of cover-up of those or sheltering them as this act is one from the major sins. Third: the Council calls on scholars to do their duty and intensify the guidance of people in this serious matter to clarify the truth.” [Saudi Press Agency, [9/17/14](#)]

**9/17/14: Associated Press: “Saudi Arabia's Highest Body Of Religious Scholars Issued A Stern Ruling On Wednesday Calling Terrorism A ‘Heinous Crime’ And Saying Perpetrators Including Islamic State Militants Deserve Punishment In Line With Islamic Law. The Council Of Senior Religious Scholars Said In Its Fatwa, Or Religious Edict, That It Backs The Kingdom's Efforts To Track Down And Punish Followers Of The Islamic State Group And Al-Qaida.”** “Saudi Arabia's highest body of religious scholars issued a stern ruling on Wednesday calling terrorism a ‘heinous crime’ and saying perpetrators including Islamic State militants deserve punishment in line with Islamic law. The Council of Senior Religious Scholars said in its fatwa, or religious edict, that it backs the kingdom's efforts to track down and punish followers of the Islamic State group and al-Qaida. The clerics are appointed by the government and are seen as guardians of the kingdom's ultraconservative Wahhabi school of Islam. The statement by the group of 21 scholars underpins the kingdom's broader efforts to deter citizens from joining extremist groups that want to bring down the Western-allied monarchy.” [Associated Press, [9/17/14](#)]

**9/11/14: Jeddah Communique: “The Ministers Representing States Of The Gulf Cooperation Council, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon And The United States Declared Their Shared Commitment To Stand United Against The Threat Posed By All Terrorism, Including The So-Called Islamic State In Iraq And The Levant (ISIL), To The Region And The World.”** “The ministers representing states of the Gulf Cooperation Council, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon and the United States declared their shared commitment to stand united against the threat posed by all terrorism, including the so-called Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), to the region and the world. The participants hailed the formation of the new, inclusive Iraqi Government and expressed their support for the immediate steps it has pledged to take to advance the interests of all Iraq’s citizens, regardless of religion, sect or ethnicity. The participants resolved to strengthen their support for the new Iraqi Government in its efforts to unite all Iraqis in combatting ISIL and discussed a strategy to destroy ISIL wherever it is, including in both Iraq and Syria.” [Jeddah Communique, [9/11/14](#)]

**8/13/14: Royal Embassy Of Saudi Arabia: “The Kingdom Of Saudi Arabia Today Donated \$100 Million To The United Nations Counter-Terrorism Centre (UNCCT) During A Joint Press Conference At The U.N. Headquarters With U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon, Saudi Ambassador To The United States Adel Bin Ahmed Al-Jubeir And Permanent**

**Representative Of Saudi Arabia To The U.N. Abdallah Y. Al-Mouallimi.** “The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia today donated \$100 million to the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Centre (UNCCT) during a joint press conference at the U.N. headquarters with U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, Saudi Ambassador to the United States Adel bin Ahmed Al-Jubeir and Permanent Representative of Saudi Arabia to the U.N. Abdallah Y. Al-Mouallimi. ‘This donation by the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz, is another bold demonstration of his ongoing commitment to combating terrorism around the world,’ said Ambassador Al-Jubeir. ‘The goal is to help provide the tools, technologies and methods to confront and eliminate the threat of terrorism.’ Ambassador Al-Jubeir added, ‘Terrorism has no faith, no nationality, no ethnicity and no humanity. It is incumbent on the international community to work closely together to rid our world of this scourge.’” [Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia, [8/13/14](#)]

**7/1/14: Royal Embassy Of Saudi Arabia: “The Custodian Of The Two Holy Mosques, King Abdullah Bin Abdulaziz, Ordered The Provision Of \$500 Million In Humanitarian Assistance To The Iraqi People Who Have Suffered Greatly From Recent Events, Including Those Who Have Been Displaced, Regardless Of Their Religion, Sect Or Ethnicity.”** “The Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz, ordered the provision of \$500 million in humanitarian assistance to the Iraqi people who have suffered greatly from recent events, including those who have been displaced, regardless of their religion, sect or ethnicity. The U.N. Secretary-General has been informed of this contribution, which will be provided solely to the Iraqi people through the appropriate U.N. agencies. The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia will coordinate with the U.N. to ensure that the assistance reaches all segments of the Iraqi population that have suffered from recent developments.” [Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia, [7/1/14](#)]

## **Serbia**

**9/19/14: The U.S. State Department Included Serbia On A List Of Contributors To Global Anti-ISIL Efforts.** “A Global Effort to Support Iraq and to Defeat ISIL: The breadth and diversity of countries and organizations making contributions across one or more of the lines of effort demonstrate the global and unified nature of this fight. Below are some of the partners that have made contributions and commitments to date. This is an ongoing effort, and we expect the number of countries to grow....Serbia...” [U.S. State Department – Media Note, [9/19/14](#)]

## **Singapore**

**9/15/14: Singapore Ministry Of Foreign Affairs – Release: “...Singapore Welcomes The Formation Of The International Coalition To Combat The ISIS Threat And Also Welcomes The Declaration By Regional Arab Countries In Jeddah To Stand United Against ISIS. This Is Critical To Cut Off Support For ISIS In Terms Of The Movement Of Fighters, Materials And Funding As Well As The Ideological Battle.”** “In response to media queries on the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria (ISIS), the MFA Spokesman said: ‘The barbaric killing of British aid worker David Haines by the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria (ISIS) is deeply reprehensible. Singapore strongly condemns the killing and our sympathies go out to the family of Mr Haines. ISIS is a serious terrorist threat which must be dealt with comprehensively. In

this regard, Singapore welcomes the formation of the international coalition to combat the ISIS threat and also welcomes the declaration by regional Arab countries in Jeddah to stand united against ISIS. This is critical to cut off support for ISIS in terms of the movement of fighters, materials and funding as well as the ideological battle.” [Singapore Ministry Of Foreign Affairs – Press Release, [9/15/14](#)]

**9/4/14: Singapore Ministry Of Foreign Affairs – Release: “ISIS, And What It Represents, Is A Real And Present Danger To Countries In The Middle East As Well As The Rest Of The World. There Is A Critical Need For The International Community To Work Closely Together To Counter This Threat.”** “In response to media queries on the beheading of US journalist Steven Sotloff, the MFA Spokesman said: ‘Singapore strongly condemns the brutal murder of American journalist Steven Sotloff by the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria (ISIS). We extend our deepest condolences to the family and loved ones of Mr Sotloff and reiterate our call for all hostages to be released immediately. ISIS, and what it represents, is a real and present danger to countries in the Middle East as well as the rest of the world. There is a critical need for the international community to work closely together to counter this threat.’” [Singapore Ministry Of Foreign Affairs – Press Release, [9/4/14](#)]

## **Slovakia**

### *Humanitarian*

**8/13/14: Wall Street Journal: “Slovakia Has Joined Other European Union States Seeking To Provide Help For Displaced Civilians In Northern Iraq Amid The Ongoing Sectarian Fighting In The Region, The Country’s Foreign Ministry Said Thursday. The Eastern EU State Will Start Its Aid On A Small Scale By Donating €20,000 To The International Organization For Migration, Which Has Already Been Active In The Kurdish Part Of Iraq, The Foreign Ministry Said.”** “Slovakia has joined other European Union states seeking to provide help for displaced civilians in northern Iraq amid the ongoing sectarian fighting in the region, the country’s foreign ministry said Thursday. The eastern EU state will start its aid on a small scale by donating €20,000 to the International Organization for Migration, which has already been active in the Kurdish part of Iraq, the foreign ministry said... ‘In the wake of ongoing ethnic, sectarian and religious violence used against members of (non-Islamic) minorities in northern Iraq by extremists from the Islamic State group, there’s a humanitarian crisis in the region,’ the foreign ministry said.” [Wall Street Journal, [8/13/14](#)]

## **Slovenia**

**9/19/14: The U.S. State Department Included Slovenia On A List Of Contributors To Global Anti-ISIL Efforts.** “A Global Effort to Support Iraq and to Defeat ISIL: The breadth and diversity of countries and organizations making contributions across one or more of the lines of effort demonstrate the global and unified nature of this fight. Below are some of the partners that have made contributions and commitments to date. This is an ongoing effort, and we expect the number of countries to grow....Slovenia...” [U.S. State Department – Media Note, [9/19/14](#)]

## **Spain**

## *Humanitarian*

**9/2/14: Government Of Spain: “Spain Co-Sponsored A Resolution Approved Yesterday, Without A Vote, At A Special Session Of The Human Rights Council On The Human Rights Situation In Iraq Following Information On Abuses Being Committed By The Self-Proclaimed Islamic State In Iraq And The Levant...Spain Has Announced An Initial Humanitarian Contribution Of 500,000 Euros, Which Has Been Channelled Through The International Committee Of The Red Cross, And Reiterated That Iraq Can Count On The Commitment And Collaboration Of Spain And The EU To Overcome This Crisis.”** “Spain co-sponsored a resolution approved yesterday, without a vote, at a special session of the Human Rights Council on the human rights situation in Iraq following information on abuses being committed by the self-proclaimed Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant. The Government of Spain was one of the main sponsors of this resolution, in which the Human Rights Council expressed its unequivocal condemnation of the atrocities committed by the terrorist group Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant while highlighting that those atrocities have been defined as crimes against humanity. By actively participating in this session, Spain wished to demonstrate its support for the Government of Iraq, the sovereignty, unity and territorial integrity of Iraq, and its serious concerns over the deaths of civilians, the systematic persecution of religious and ethnic minorities, the forced fleeing of thousands of people and the humanitarian crisis now under way. The Spanish delegation highlighted the importance of building a strong, extensive and inclusive national unity government capable of guaranteeing respect for human rights and promoting a tolerant society committed to the protection of all minorities present in Iraq. Spain has announced an initial humanitarian contribution of 500,000 euros, which has been channelled through the International Committee of the Red Cross, and reiterated that Iraq can count on the commitment and collaboration of Spain and the EU to overcome this crisis.” [Ministry of Foreign Affairs – Government of Spain, [9/2/14](#)]

## **Sweden**

### *Humanitarian*

**8/15/14: The Local: “[Swedish Foreign Minister Carl] Bildt Expressed Support For The Military Support Carried Out By The US And France, Among Others, But Said That For 'Legal Reasons' Sweden Was Unable To Do The Same. ‘We Concentrate On What We Can Do Best [Humanitarian Aid],’ He Said.”** “‘The Swedish contribution will be fully concentrated on humanitarian support,’ said Fredrik Belfrage, who represented the Swedish government at a Friday meeting of the parliamentary committee on European affairs, to the TT news agency. The EU's foreign ministers have meanwhile gathered in Brussels on Friday to discuss the escalating crisis. ‘This is a crisis meeting in a crisis summer,’ Swedish foreign minister Carl Bildt said Friday lunchtime. Bildt expressed support for the military support carried out by the US and France, among others, but said that for 'legal reasons' Sweden was unable to do the same. ‘We concentrate on what we can do best,’ he said.” [The Local (Sweden), [8/15/14](#)]

**8/15/14: Swedish Ministry Of Foreign Affairs: “In Response To The Serious Situation, Sweden Has Substantially Increased Its Humanitarian Assistance To Iraq. A Total Of SEK 95 Million Has Been Disbursed In 2014, More Than SEK 51 Million Of This Being Extra**

**Allocations To Meet The Escalating Crisis. Of These Funds, SEK 19 Million Are Being Channelled Through The International Organisation For Migration (IOM) And SEK 5 Million Through The Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) For Urgent Humanitarian Operations In The Country.**” “In response to the serious situation, Sweden has substantially increased its humanitarian assistance to Iraq. A total of SEK 95 million has been disbursed in 2014, more than SEK 51 million of this being extra allocations to meet the escalating crisis. Of these funds, SEK 19 million are being channelled through the International Organisation for Migration (IOM) and SEK 5 million through the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) for urgent humanitarian operations in the country. Swedish humanitarian assistance is focusing on ensuring access to water and sanitation and contributing to the UN's humanitarian coordination capacity, which initially was not equipped to cope with the sudden and urgent needs that arose. By sending six experts to strengthen the UN's humanitarian coordination capacity in Iraq, Sweden has helped the UN more quickly use the generous humanitarian contributions that have since been pouring in from Sweden and other donors. One of the greatest challenges for relief efforts is to reach those in need.” [Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, [8/15/14](#)]

**8/15/14: Swedish Ministry Of Foreign Affairs: “As Part Of Our Core Support, Sweden Has Contributed SEK 2.7 Million In Humanitarian Assistance To Iraq Via The World Food Programme. Sweden Is Also Contributing Through Our Share In The EU's Humanitarian Activities, Which Are Conducted By The Directorate-General For Humanitarian Aid And Civil Protection (ECHO).”** “In addition to targeted support, Sweden is one of the largest donors of non-earmarked core support to humanitarian organisations on the ground in Iraq. When a crisis suddenly arises, as in Iraq, core support enables humanitarian organisations to rapidly establish a presence and start operations. As part of our core support, Sweden has contributed SEK 2.7 million in humanitarian assistance to Iraq via the World Food Programme. Sweden is also contributing through our share in the EU's humanitarian activities, which are conducted by the Directorate-General for Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection (ECHO). Since the crisis began, ECHO, which has now opened a permanent office in Erbil, has contributed more than SEK 150 million.” [Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, [8/15/14](#)]

## Switzerland

### *Humanitarian*

**8/15/14: Swiss Agency for Development & Cooperation Press Release: “The Humanitarian Disaster In Northern Iraq Calls For An International Response Which Switzerland Is Joining... At The Beginning Of June, Switzerland Increased Its Financial Assistance To Its Partners On The Ground By CHF 3.7 Million...Switzerland's Financial Commitment For 2014 Now Stands At CHF 8.6 Million.”** “Atrocities committed against civilians – specifically by members of the Islamic State group – are precipitating a serious humanitarian crisis. Switzerland is extremely concerned and is responding by offering material assistance to the victims, condemning the serious violations of international law and calling on Iraq to take appropriate measures. Switzerland is currently scaling up its humanitarian assistance. The humanitarian disaster in northern Iraq calls for an international response which Switzerland is joining. At the beginning of June, Switzerland increased its financial assistance to its partners on the ground by CHF 3.7 million – the International Committee of the Red Cross, Save the Children Switzerland and the Norwegian Refugee Council – in order to provide food and

material aid to internally displaced persons in northern Iraq, especially children and families. Switzerland's financial commitment for 2014 now stands at CHF 8.6 million. In addition, three specialists from the Swiss Humanitarian Aid Unit have been seconded to the United Nations to strengthen the humanitarian response in northern Iraq. Further deployments are currently under review.” [Swiss Agency for Development & Cooperation Press Release, [8/15/14](#)]

## Taiwan

### *Humanitarian*

**9/12/14: Taiwan Ministry Of Foreign Affairs: “...Respecting Human Rights And Harboring A Love For Peace—[Taiwan] Reiterates Its Opposition To Terrorism In Any Form And That It Stands With The International Community In Its Condemnation Of The ISIL’s Actions. The ROC Will Continue To Monitor The Threat To Global Security The Group Poses, And Will Cooperate Closely With The International Community To Provide Humanitarian Aid To Victims Of ISIL Attacks.”** “Regarding the issue that has elicited strong global concern, namely that in June, the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), an extremist group, announced the formation of the Islamic State, encompassing territory it has occupied in Iraq and Syria, and has since persecuted minority groups in Iraq, Syria, and neighboring nations, leading, over the past two months, to over one million civilians having been displaced, killed, or injured, and eliciting serious international concern that the ISIL is a threat to civilization and has committed an assault on basic humanitarian principles, as a responsible member of the international community — respecting human rights and harboring a love for peace — [Taiwan] reiterates its opposition to terrorism in any form and that it stands with the international community in its condemnation of the ISIL’s actions. The ROC will continue to monitor the threat to global security the group poses, and will cooperate closely with the international community to provide humanitarian aid to victims of ISIL attacks.” [Taiwan Ministry of Foreign Affairs, [9/12/14](#)]

## Tunisia

**9/19/14: The U.S. State Department Included Tunisia On A List Of Contributors To Global Anti-ISIL Efforts.** “A Global Effort to Support Iraq and to Defeat ISIL: The breadth and diversity of countries and organizations making contributions across one or more of the lines of effort demonstrate the global and unified nature of this fight. Below are some of the partners that have made contributions and commitments to date. This is an ongoing effort, and we expect the number of countries to grow....Tunisia...” [U.S. State Department – Media Note, [9/19/14](#)]

**8/21/14: Al-Manar: “‘After Savage And Repeated Crimes Committed By The Terrorist Organizations In Iraq Against Its Ethnic And Religious Minorities And The Savage Execution Of One Of Its Hostages, Tunisia Strongly Condemns These Heinous Crimes,’ A [Presidential] Statement Said. ‘These Terrorist Organizations Pose A Threat To All Countries In The Region,’ The [Presidential] Statement Said.”** “Tunisia Thursday condemned the ‘savage crimes’ of ISIL after it beheaded American journalist James Foley, calling the terrorist group a threat to all states in the region. ‘After savage and repeated crimes committed by the terrorist organizations in Iraq against its ethnic and religious minorities and the

savage execution of one of its hostages, Tunisia strongly condemns these heinous crimes,’ a [presidential] statement said. ‘These terrorist organizations pose a threat to all countries in the region,’ the [presidential] statement said. Tunisia ‘calls on the international community to protect ethnic and religious minorities in Iraq, using methods permitted by international law in such extreme situations’, it said.” [Al-Manar, [8/21/14](#)]

## Turkey

**9/23/14: Reuters: “Turkey Could Give Military Or Logistical Support To U.S.-Led Air Strikes Against Islamic State Insurgents In Syria, President Tayyip Erdogan Was Quoted As Saying On Tuesday. ‘We Will Give The Necessary Support To The Operation. The Support Could Be Military Or Logistics,’ Erdogan Was Quoted By Turkish Broadcaster NTV As Telling Reporters In New York.”** “Turkey could give military or logistical support to U.S.-led air strikes against Islamic State insurgents in Syria, President Tayyip Erdogan was quoted as saying on Tuesday. ‘We will give the necessary support to the operation. The support could be military or logistics,’ Erdogan was quoted by Turkish broadcaster NTV as telling reporters in New York. The United States and its Arab allies bombed Syria for the first time on Tuesday, killing scores of Islamic State fighters and members of a separate al Qaeda-linked group, opening a new front against militants by joining Syria's three-year-old civil war... Erdogan said Turkey viewed the U.S.-led action positively and said it should continue.” [Reuters, [9/23/14](#)]

**8/14/14: Anadolu Agency: “Turkey's Leading Aid Agencies Have Sent A Total Of 109 Trucks Of Humanitarian Aid To Turkmen In Northern Iraq Since June, When Attacks By Islamic State (IS) Militants Caused Them And Other Iraqi's To Leave Their Homes.”** “Turkey's leading aid agencies have sent a total of 109 trucks of humanitarian aid to Turkmen in northern Iraq since June, when attacks by Islamic State (IS) militants caused them and other Iraqi's to leave their homes. The humanitarian materials mainly included 12,000 tents, 36,000 food packages, 147 tones of drinking water, tens of tones of dry food, 14,000 blankets, 20 tones of cleaning supplies in addition to drugs and medical supplies. Turkish disaster and emergency agency, AFAD in cooperation with Turkey's international development agency (TIKA), Turkish Red Crescent have mainly been responsible for getting these humanitarian aid materials to Iraq. In addition, Turkish Red Crescent has been sending aid to destitute people in Dohuk province, Erbil and Sinjar mountain in Iraq since the Islamic State triggered a chaos in the region. It has sent nearly 4 million Turkish liras of humanitarian aid (\$1.9m) so far. Turkish people, NGOs and companies also assisted these agencies to provide these displaced people that hope the crisis in their homelands to immediately end.” [Anadolu Agency, [8/14/14](#)]

- **8/14/14: Anadolu Agency: “In A Last Development As Of August 7, AFAD Began Building A New Refugee Camp For 20,000 Iraqi Turkmen Near Duhok. More Than 10,000 Turkmen Families Have Fled Their Homes Since The Islamic State Began Targeting Turkmen-Populated Cities In June, According To The International Organization For Migration.”** “IHH, the Turkish humanitarian relief foundation, also working in Syria since March 2011 to provide shelter, food and health care for those who are displaced within the country and Syrian refugees, has reached aid to around 2 million Turkmen families affected so far. In a last development as of August 7, AFAD began building a new refugee camp for 20,000 Iraqi Turkmen near

Duhok. More than 10,000 Turkmen families have fled their homes since the Islamic State began targeting Turkmen-populated cities in June, according to the International Organization for Migration.” [Anadolu Agency, [8/14/14](#)]

## Ukraine

**9/19/14: The U.S. State Department Included Ukraine On A List Of Contributors To Global Anti-ISIL Efforts.** “A Global Effort to Support Iraq and to Defeat ISIL: The breadth and diversity of countries and organizations making contributions across one or more of the lines of effort demonstrate the global and unified nature of this fight. Below are some of the partners that have made contributions and commitments to date. This is an ongoing effort, and we expect the number of countries to grow....Ukraine...” [U.S. State Department – Media Note, [9/19/14](#)]

## United Arab Emirates

**9/23/14: United Arab Emirates – Ministry Of Foreign Affairs: “The UAE Ministry Of Foreign Affairs Confirms That The UAE Air Force Launched Its First Strikes Against ISIL Targets Last Evening. The Operation Was Conducted In Coordination With Other Forces Participating In The International Effort Against The ISIL.”** “The UAE Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Abu Dhabi released the following statement: ‘The UAE Ministry of Foreign Affairs confirms that the UAE Air Force launched its first strikes against ISIL targets last evening. The operation was conducted in coordination with other forces participating in the international effort against the ISIL.’ For additional information on the UAE’s commitment to combating Islamic extremists: UAE Ambassador to the US Yousef Al Otaiba’s op-ed in the Wall Street Journal; UAE Foreign Minister Sheikh Abdullah Bin Zayed Al Nahyan’s recent comments to the UN Security Council.” [United Arab Emirates- Ministry of Foreign Affairs, [9/23/14](#)]

**9/4/14: United Arab Emirates – Ministry Of Foreign Affairs: “...The UAE Condemns The Atrocities Of The So-Called ISIS, Which Aims To Kill, Terrorise, And Displace Civilians, Ransack Property And Demolish Historic And Religious Sites.... The International Community Must Work Towards A Unified Strategy To Face This Issue At All Levels.”** “Our world is witnessing many serious challenges, and amongst the greatest of these is terrorism. The UAE expresses its deepest concerns and strongest condemnation of terror acts and criminal practices of violent extremists. In particular, the UAE condemns the atrocities of the so-called ISIS, which aims to kill, terrorise, and displace civilians, ransack property and demolish historic and religious sites. These actions undermine regional and international stability and threaten universal humanitarian values, cultural heritage, and norms of tolerance, multiculturalism and religious diversity. As terrorism is a global scourge that knows no borders and draws from all parts of the world. The international community must work towards a unified strategy to face this issue at all levels. The UAE's position is firm, which calls for the renunciation of terrorism and violent extremism in all its forms. It also affirms tolerance and coexistence between nations and people as an essential pillar of its domestic and foreign policy.” [United Arab Emirates – Ministry of Foreign Affairs, [9/4/14](#)]

**9/3/14: Statement of Ambassador Yousef Al Otaiba: “The UAE Is Ready To Join The International Community In An Urgent, Coordinated And Sustained Effort To Confront A Threat That Will, If Unchecked, Have Global Ramifications For Decades To Come. Any**

**Action Must Begin With A Clear Plan For Direct Intervention Against ISIS But Must Address The Other Dangerous Extremist Groups In The Region.”** “Islamic extremism is a Middle East problem but it is quickly becoming the world's problem too. It is a transnational challenge, the most destabilizing and dangerous global force since fascism. For certain, the United States and the West have a big interest in this battle. But no one has more at stake than the UAE and other moderate countries in the region that have rejected the regressive Islamist creed and embraced a different, forward-looking path. Now is the time to act. The UAE is ready to join the international community in an urgent, coordinated and sustained effort to confront a threat that will, if unchecked, have global ramifications for decades to come. Any action must begin with a clear plan for direct intervention against ISIS but must address the other dangerous extremist groups in the region. It is also critical to tackle the support networks, the entire militant ideological and financial complex that is the lifeblood of extremism.” [Statement of Ambassador Yousef Al Otaiba On Challenging Extremism, [9/3/14](#)]

**9/3/14: AFP: “The United Arab Emirates Voiced Readiness Wednesday To Back World Efforts To Confront The Threat From Jihadists, Amid Calls By Western Powers For An International Fight Against The Islamic State. The UAE Affirms ‘Its Solidarity With Regional And International Efforts Against Terrorist Threats... And Its Readiness To Take Needed Measures To Confront This Phenomenon In Line With UN Security Council Resolution 2170,’ Its Foreign Ministry Said.”** “The United Arab Emirates voiced readiness Wednesday to back world efforts to confront the threat from jihadists, amid calls by Western powers for an international fight against the Islamic State. The UAE affirms ‘its solidarity with regional and international efforts against terrorist threats... and its readiness to take needed measures to confront this phenomenon in line with UN Security Council Resolution 2170,’ its foreign ministry said. The resolution, passed last month, seeks to cut funds and the flow of foreign fighters both to the Islamic State, which has seized swathes of territory in Syria and Iraq, and to Al-Qaeda's Syrian affiliate, Al-Nusra Front. The UAE said it ‘stands against terrorist threats facing our region and the world, especially with the dangerous human rights violations by terrorist groups in Iraq, Syria and other Arab and Muslim countries such as Yemen, Somalia, Libya, and Afghanistan suffering from... movements such as IS, Al-Nusra, and Al-Qaeda.’” [AFP, [9/3/14](#)]

**8/21/14: Associated Press: “The Ruler Of The United Arab Emirates Approved New Counterterrorism Legislation That Strengthens Existing Laws Against Money Laundering, While Also Expanding Penalties To Include Execution, Life Imprisonment, And Fines Of Up To \$27 Million, State Media Reported Wednesday... The Official Emirates News Agency Reported That President Sheik Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahyan Endorsed The Law, But Provided No Further Details.”** “The ruler of the United Arab Emirates approved new counterterrorism legislation that strengthens existing laws against money laundering, while also expanding penalties to include execution, life imprisonment, and fines of up to \$27 million, state media reported Wednesday... The official Emirates News Agency reported that President Sheik Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan endorsed the law, but provided no further details... Dubai-based Gulf News obtained a copy of the law, which identified potential death penalty cases as attempts to attack any royal family members or members of the Cabinet’s Supreme Council, and acts that lead to the death of a person.” [Associated Press, [8/21/14](#)]

**9/23/14: Office Of Prime Minister David Cameron: “The PM Supports The Latest Air Strikes Against ISIL Terrorists Which Have Been Carried Out By The US And 5 Other Countries From The Gulf And Middle East. The PM Will Be Holding Talks At The United Nations In New York Over The Next 2 Days On What More The UK And Others Can Do To Contribute To International Efforts To Tackle The Threat We All Face From ISIL.”**

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**9/14/14: Prime Minister David Cameron – Statement: “The Fact That An Aid Worker Was Taken, Held And Brutally Murdered At The Hands Of ISIL Sums Up What This Organisation Stands For. They Are Killing And Slaughtering Thousands Of People - Christians, Muslims, Minorities Across Iraq And Syria. They Boast Of Their Brutality. They Claim To Do This In The Name Of Islam. That Is Nonsense. Islam Is A Religion Of Peace.”** “David Haines was a British hero. The fact that an aid worker was taken, held and brutally murdered at the hands of ISIL sums up what this organisation stands for. They are killing and slaughtering thousands of people - Christians, Muslims, minorities across Iraq and Syria. They boast of their brutality. They claim to do this in the name of Islam. That is nonsense. Islam is a religion of peace. They are not Muslims, they are monsters.” [Prime Minister David Cameron – Statement, [9/14/14](#)]

- **9/14/14: Prime Minister David Cameron – Statement: “We Have To Confront This Menace. Step By Step, We Must Drive Back, Dismantle And Ultimately Destroy ISIL And What It Stands For. We Will Do So In A Calm, Deliberate Way, But With An Iron Determination.”** “We are a peaceful people, we do not seek out confrontation. But we need to understand - we cannot ignore this threat to our security and that of our allies. There is no option of keeping our heads down that would make us safe. The problem would merely get worse, as it has done over recent months. Not just for us, but for Europe and for the world. We cannot just walk on by if we are to keep this country safe. We have to confront this menace. Step by step, we must drive back, dismantle and ultimately destroy ISIL and what it stands for. We will do so in a calm, deliberate way, but with an iron determination. We will not do so on our own, but with working closely with our allies, not just in the United States and in Europe, but also in the region. Because this organisation poses a massive threat to the entire Middle East. So we will defeat Isil through a comprehensive and sustained counter-terrorism strategy.” [Prime Minister David Cameron – Statement, [9/14/14](#)]

**9/9/14: U.K. Secretary Of State For Defence Michael Fallon: “The Kurdish Forces Remain Significantly Less Well Equipped Than ISIL And We Are Responding To Help Them Defend Themselves, Protect Citizens And Push Back ISIL Advances The Initial Gifting**

**Package Is Scheduled To Arrive In Iraq On Wednesday 10 September And Will Consist Of Heavy Machine Guns And Ammunition. The Total Cost Is Approximately £1.6 Million Plus An Estimated £475,000 In Transport Costs.”** “I am laying a departmental minute today concerning the gifting of military equipment to the Government of Iraq (GoI), including the Kurdish Regional Government. This is at the request of the GoI. The UK is committed to assisting the GoI by: alleviating the humanitarian suffering of those Iraqis targeted by ISIL terrorists; promoting an inclusive, sovereign and democratic Iraq that can push back on ISIL advances and restore stability and security across the country; and working with the international community to tackle the broader threat that ISIL poses to the region and other countries around the world, including the UK. The Kurdish forces remain significantly less well equipped than ISIL and we are responding to help them defend themselves, protect citizens and push back ISIL advances. The initial gifting package is scheduled to arrive in Iraq on Wednesday 10 September and will consist of heavy machine guns and ammunition. The total cost is approximately £1.6 million plus an estimated £475,000 in transport costs.” [U.K. Ministry Of Defence Statement, [9/9/14](#)]

**9/8/14: Tobias Ellwood MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at The Foreign And Commonwealth Office: “As The Prime Minister Set Out In His Statement Of 1 September, The Government Will Use All The Resources At Our Disposal To Tackle The Islamic State Of Iraq And The Levant (ISIL). This Includes Providing Equipment To Support Kurdistan Regional Government Forces Fighting Against ISIL. The UK Has Also Delivered Airdrops To Support Those Trapped By ISIL, And Has Committed £23 Million Of Humanitarian Assistance To Help Those Who Have Fled ISIL’s Advances. The RAF Have Also Been Carrying Out Surveillance Flights.”** “MR GODSIFF: To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs what steps the Government is taking to help protect people living in ISIS-controlled areas of Iraq. [207202]

MR ELLWOOD: As the Prime Minister set out in his statement of 1 September, the Government will use all the resources at our disposal to tackle the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL). This includes providing equipment to support Kurdistan Regional Government forces fighting against ISIL. The UK has also delivered airdrops to support those trapped by ISIL, and has committed £23 million of humanitarian assistance to help those who have fled ISIL’s advances. The RAF have also been carrying out surveillance flights.” [House of Commons Written Answers to the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs; Questions directed to Tobias Ellwood MP- the Parliamentary Under-Secretary Foreign and Commonwealth Office, [9/8/14](#)]

**9/5/14: U.K. Prime Minister David Cameron: “...We Agreed We Must Use All The Instruments At Our Disposal, Humanitarian, Diplomatic And Military, To Squeeze This Barbaric Terrorist Organization Out Of Existence.”** “...the alliance was clear about the scale of the threat from Islamist extremism. And we agreed we must use all the instruments at our disposal, humanitarian, diplomatic and military, to squeeze this barbaric terrorist organization out of existence ... The fight against ISIL must be led by the Iraqis themselves, but we will continue to encourage countries in the region to support this effort and to engage allies across the world.” [Prime Minister Cameron Remarks at NATO Summit, [9/5/14](#)]

**9/4/14: U.K. Prime Minister David Cameron & President Barack Obama Op-Ed: “When The Threats To Our Security Increasingly Emanate From Outside The Borders Of Our Alliance, We Must Do More To Build Partnerships With Others Around The Globe Who Share Our Values And Want To Build A Safe, Tolerant And Peaceful World - That Includes Supporting The Partners Who Are Taking The Fight To ISIL On The Ground, As We Have Done By Stepping Up Support For Kurdish And Iraqi Security Forces.”** “When the threats to our security increasingly emanate from outside the borders of our Alliance, we must do more to build partnerships with others around the globe who share our values and want to build a safe, tolerant and peaceful world - that includes supporting the partners who are taking the fight to ISIL on the ground, as we have done by stepping up support for Kurdish and Iraqi Security Forces. And we should use our expertise to provide training and mentoring to forces elsewhere, whether in Georgia or the Middle East, strengthening the capacity of forces there to tackle local threats... Ultimately by working together we are stronger, whether in standing up to Russia or confronting ISIL.” [Times of London, [9/4/14](#)]

**9/4/14: The Independent: “The Prime Minister Said: ‘We’re Prepared To Do More And We’re Considering Actively Whether To Give Them Arms Ourselves And Whether We Can More Directly To Train Kurdish Militia, We’re Already Playing A Role There But We Can Do More.’ Britain Has So Far Sent Non-Lethal Equipment To Kurdistan, Including A Consignment Of Ten Tonnes Of Body Armour And Helmet Delivered Earlier Today, As Well As Carrying Out Surveillance Operations In The Area.”** “Mr Cameron signalled Britain is ready to send UK weapons directly to Kurdistan for the first time and to help train its forces to resist Isis militants in northern Iraq. A senior military officer, Lt Gen Sir Simon Mayall, has been authorised by Mr Cameron to hold talks with Kurdish leaders over what military support they need. The Prime Minister said: ‘We’re prepared to do more and we’re considering actively whether to give them arms ourselves and whether we can more directly to train Kurdish militia, we’re already playing a role there but we can do more.’ Britain has so far sent non-lethal equipment to Kurdistan, including a consignment of ten tonnes of body armour and helmet delivered earlier today, as well as carrying out surveillance operations in the area.” [The Independent (UK), [9/4/14](#)]

**9/2/14: Secretary of State for Defence Michael Fallon: “The Government Is Committed To Using Its Aid, Diplomatic, Political And Military Expertise To Focus On Three Objectives: Alleviating The Humanitarian Suffering; To Promoting An Inclusive, Sovereign And Democratic Iraq; And Working With The International Community To Tackle The Broader Threat The Islamic State Of Iraq And The Levant (ISIL) Poses To The Region And Countries Around The World...”** “The ambition to create an extremist caliphate in the heart of Iraq and Syria is a direct threat to our own security in the UK. The Government is committed to using its aid, diplomatic, political and military expertise to focus on three objectives: alleviating the humanitarian suffering; to promoting an inclusive, sovereign and democratic Iraq; and working with the international community to tackle the broader threat the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) poses to the region and countries around the world, including the UK.” [Secretary of State for Defence (Mr Michael Fallon), [9/2/14](#)]

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**9/1/14: U.K. Prime Minister David Cameron: “To Confront The Threat Of Islamist Extremism, We Need A Tough, Intelligent, Patient And Comprehensive Approach To Defeat The Terrorist Threat At Source. We Must Use All The Resources At Our Disposal - Our Aid, Diplomacy And Military - And We Need A Firm Security Response, Whether**

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includes tents, water filters and solar-powered lights that double as phone chargers, took place overnight. ‘The world has been shocked by the plight of the Yazidi community. They face appalling conditions, cut off on Mount Sinjar after fleeing persecution,’ said international development minister Justine Greening. ‘The UK has acted swiftly to get lifesaving help to those affected. Last night the RAF (Royal Air Force) successfully dropped lifesaving UK aid supplies, including clean water and filtration devices, on the mountain.’ Two RAF C-130 transport planes were deployed to the Sinjar region on Saturday in the wake of an attack by extremist Islamic State militants on the region a week ago.” [AFP, [8/10/14](#)]